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RELEGATION WILL REMAIN

BY LOU GAUTIER

WELL-informed sources suggest that relegation and promotion will still apply in the Quit National Soccer League at the completion of the inaugural summer season.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas was quoted in the Melbourne SUN newspaper as saying that irrespective of what transpires from the eagerly awaited Graham Bradley Report, promotion and relegation would go ahead regardless at the end of the season.

Dr Bradley, who is conducting a thorough review of soccer in Australia, as he did most successfully for rugby league, presented his interim report to the Australian Soccer Federation commissioners last weekend.

It's the up to the ASF and the individual states to make their minds up on his recommendations.

Though Dr Bradley is known to favour the abolition of promotion and relegation in the National League, there is no guaran-



tee his recommendation will be accepted.

Chairman Papasavas seems to have killed off suggestions that the system will be scrapped this year.

He told the SUN's Peter Desira that regardless of what proposals are put to the NSL, promotion and relegation will apply this season.

Papasavas says he is backed by NSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozzetta and ASF general secretary Alan Vessey on that score.

It is claimed that the main reason why

Dr Bradley will recommend a no-relegation and promotion policy is because of the present imbalance in the league in favour of NSW.

Otherwise, he is not against the system per say.

Papasavas believes it would be difficult to change this season as clubs must be given advance warning.

As far as he is concerned the QNSL this season will be played out on current rules which stipulate that the bottom two teams are to be relegated.



A prostrate Darren Stewart handles the ball on his goalline to give Sydney Croatia a penalty — and the first goal in the match against Apia at Lambert Park last Sunday — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

Queensland targets a National League berth

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has planned an ambitious programme for the 1990 season, which it hopes will climax with an entry into the National League in November.

QSF president Wal Dan announced the plans at a well-attended function at Perry Park, Queensland soccer headquarters, last week.

The guests included deputy premier Tom Burns, who revealed he was a former soccer player, and representatives from the code's sponsors.

Dann gave a commitment that the QSF, through its NSL team taskforce, would continue to examine all avenues of getting a combined Queensland team into the summer soccer competition.

In the meantime, he said the QSF had mapped out an exciting year which he hoped would keep the cream of the

state's players in Queensland.

The QSF already has broken new ground with the recently-completed tour of the United States. A 14-man Queensland indoor side played against crack professional opposition in five American cities.

The QSF's plans for the forthcoming season also include a match

against an English First Division side, at the moment Charlton Athletic — although their current form suggests they might not be First Divisioners when they arrive in Queensland for

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**Done in by
FIFA — again!**

OCEANIA Football Confederation secretary Josephine King confirmed that FIFA have now informed the Confederation that Israel will not be participating in the preliminary OFC competition in Papua New Guinea September 1990.

FIFA's advice has the Oceania teams qualifying first and second in Papua New Guinea then having to participate in a competition in Israel.

The winner of that tournament qualifies direct to the finals in Portugal in 1991.

ASF chairman Ian

Brusasco confirmed Australia would protest most strongly to FIFA, claiming the amended arrangement is neither fair as it favours Israel, nor can it be justified in an economical sense with FIFA paying two OFC airfares to Israel as opposed to the cost of bringing only Israel to Papua New Guinea in the original arrangement.

Brusasco was sceptical about other Oceania countries supporting the ASF protest as many saw it as a second chance of qualification with the majority of costs met by FIFA and Israel.

Globe-trotting Rudi as colourful as ever

BY TED SIMMONS

WORLD wanderer Rudi Gutendorf has had his flying feet finally trimmed by a 5 kilo bundle of joy.



Rudi Gutendorf, wife Marika and baby boy Fabian.

The colourful, controversial and confident former Socceroo coach will be in Sydney until early March before flying to West Germany to discuss his next coaching appointment.

Gutendorf last month became a father for the first time when second wife Marika gave birth to a baby boy who has been named Fabian.

"Never in my life

have I been so happy as a married man with a baby son. This is what I have been missing in life," he said.

"Australia is my second home. I love it here and have bought a house in Sydney. My plan is to spend the European summer in West Germany and when winter arrives, to transfer to Australia where I can watch the summer soccer."

But family responsibility has not stopped the man who claims he is the only professional coach to have worked in all five continents. His globe-trotting career began in 1960 when he was the first coach sent by the West German government to take charge of

another country's national team.

Gutendorf went to Tunisia as a test case and his success led to other developing nations approaching West Germany for similar assistance.

Every year, 10 West German coaches now accept appointments to nations in the Third World of soccer.

Since leaving Australia in 1981 after the ill-fated World Cup campaign floundered at the feet of New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Gutendorf has had success in Japan, Tanzania, Fiji, Ghana and Zimbabwe.

He has rejected a current approach from Vietnam, is considering an offer from Iran but will confer with the West German government to determine his next venture.

With Tanzania he won the Africa Cup and with Ghana he lost the last qualifying match to Zambia for a place in the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

"It was one of my happiest moments in Seoul to see the Australians I had coached as youngsters beating Yugoslavia and challenging the mighty Soviets," he said.

Structure

"Many people forget that along with Les Scheinflug and the late Joe Vlasits, we created the highly successful youth structure which today has Australia ranked among the top countries in the world in youth and age programmes."

Gutendorf praised the switch to summer soccer and is confident it will be successful. He has been an interested spectator at NSL matches in the past few weeks, preferring to pay his way into the grounds.

"Marconi has impressed me with their style of modern soccer which is similar to

Europe. Modern soccer is not to attack for 90 minutes but to choose the right moment to attack, overlap and surprise the opposition defence.

"Apia is another good team which plays with the minimum of effort while Sydney Olympic may have better material but plays the English style which is easy to read," he said.

Gutendorf agrees with Socceroo coach Frank Arok's often-repeated argument that the national team must learn to survive under pressure.

"There are two types of games — friendlies and pressure.

Important

Australia is a world champion in friendly matches. When I was coach we beat Cosmos, Milan and Leicester City in England but when we came under pressure against New Zealand we lost.

"The story has not changed today. Australia beat Argentina,

Saudi Arabia, Dinamo Zagreb and Malmo but could not win under pressure against New Zealand and Israel.

"In Europe, national teams play friendly matches but there is always something important attached so that the players are continually under pressure.

"The Socceroos are not used to pressure. That is one reason why they fail and it is the tragedy of Australian football."

Gutendorf said he is not looking for a coaching position in Australia but is willing to give advice or assistance during his remaining weeks before flying overseas.

He plans to work as a professional coach for another five years and will then sit down and consider his future.

Whatever he does, there is little doubt that the charismatic Gutendorf has left a deep and enduring mark on the Australian soccer scene which will not be readily forgotten.

AIS impresses FIFA coach

THE ASF is in the process of organising a European tour in September for the Australian team bidding to qualify for 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

"We have an agent acting on our behalf and we will be bringing the team together in July in readiness for the tour and the start of the qualifying matches after August," ASF secretary general Alan Vessey said.

The national youth team went into camp on February 26 to prepare for the Oceania group qualifiers in Papua New Guinea in September in the build-up to the finals

in Portugal in July next year.

The ASF is also waiting on a report from leading FIFA coach Heinz Marotzke, who has evaluated the national under 17 squad during a recent camp at the Sports Institute in Canberra.

"Marotzke was very impressed with the AIS set-up and he felt there was sufficient talent here for Australia to qualify for the World Under 17 finals in Ecuador in July 1991," Vessey said.

The under 17s' first engagement on the road to Ecuador is against New Zealand next February.

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Big "Greek" derby

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

ROUND 19 of the Quit National Soccer League is highlighted by the "Greek derby" in Melbourne between old rivals South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic at Middle Park on Sunday.

A huge amount of pride is at stake as the result could determine which club flies the flag during the play-offs and with Hellas and Olympic running fifth and sixth respectively, a large crowd is expected.

The match will no doubt hinge on the attacking flair of both sides with Paul Trimboli back to join Peter Tsolakis and Kim Taliadoros for Souths while Abbas Saad and Marco Perinovic look to hold the key for the visitors.

Olympic, who scrambled two late goals in an unimpressive win over Melita last week, must first face another Greek club when they play the desperate Adelaide Hellas tonight (Wednesday).

Back in Round 6 Olympic beat South Melbourne for the first time in 10 years but have picked up only one point in their last five away games while South Melbourne remain unbeaten at home.

Tonight Adelaide City visit Sydney to take on Melita and a win in both matches will put Zoran Matić's side on top for the first time this season.

Two sides still with outside chances for the finals, Sydney Croatia and Preston, clash at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday.

Once touted as relegation candidates, the extraordinary turnaround from Croatia continued last week



Clint Gosling

with a draw at leaders Apia and the unbeaten run under new coach Tony Vrzina has been extended to seven matches.

Preston wasted countless chances in their 2-0 loss to South Melbourne last week and have only won once in their last six to slip out of contention for the semis.

Back in round 6 Preston downed Croatia for the first time but on Sunday Vrzina's dream run should continue and the Croatian challenge for the semis should gain momentum.

QNSL leaders Apia travel to Melbourne on Sunday to take on the troubled Sunshine at Skinner Reserve.

Despite heading the table Apia have not tasted victory for three weeks and the challenges for the top are beginning to come thick and fast.

Last week Georgie crashed at Adelaide City and should pose little threat to Manfred Schaefer's men although Apia are less impressive away from the tight confines of Lambert Park.

The big relegation battle is at Melita Stadium on Sunday when the Eagles take on cellar dwellers Blacktown.

Naturally, two points are vital to both sides but a victory to the Eagles would steer the Raul Blanco-coached side clear of relegation worries for the season.



Steve Calderan

Melita opened up in the vital stages against Olympic after playing well enough for a draw and again will be allowed no such lapse against the desperate Demons.

First up the Eagles play host to the rampaging Adelaide City tonight and the final line-up for Sunday will depend on the outcome against City. Although Melita boasts one of the better defensive records of the league, up front Raul Blanco has failed to find support for the freescoring Greg Brown.

Games are running out for Blacktown who were quickly brought back to earth following their loss at home to fellow strugglers Wollongong last Saturday.

New coach Tony Henderson must work on the leaky Demons defence which despite the presence of Paul Carter and Charlie Yankos is by far the worst in the league.

With Blacktown the more desperate and Geoff Gunning and Zlatko Arambasic beginning to show their class, Blacktown could upset the more fancied Eagles despite playing away from home.

Middle of the table Wollongong host defending champions Marconi on Sunday and a win for the Wolves will almost assure them of survival this season.

Marconi signalled their intentions with a resounding 4-0 defeat of second bottom Adelaide Hellas last week and must take the points against Wollongong as the top five race begins to close up.

The champions have not been beaten away from home since early November and indeed their record away from Bossley Park is far superior to their performances at Fairfield.

Marconi have continued their tradition of introducing classy finishers and Senad Glavovic is no exception, proving a perfect foil for Fred de Jong.

Glavovic will be coach Berti Mariani's main weapon in an attempt to prise open a tight Wolves defence led by player-coach David Ratcliffe.

The Wolves have enjoyed a revival of late and they are always difficult to beat in their own backyard.

Back in Round 6 the two sides fought out a goalless draw and a similar result could be expected on Sunday.

After visiting Sydney to take on Olympic tonight, Adelaide Hellas back up on Sunday to host the dangerous Melbourne Croatia.

Hellas were last successful against Croatia four years ago and back in round 6 went down 3-1, but following a brief revival that looked to be taking Hellas clear of trouble they crashed to two heavy defeats, conceding seven goals in the process.

Melbourne Croatia bounced back from their defeat against Marconi with a win against St George last week and should be too classy for the South Australians.

NSL football returns to Newcastle

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NSL soccer returns to Newcastle this Sunday after an absence of almost four years.

On Sunday, mainly due to the enterprise of St George's general manager, Mr Tony Balazsi, NSL soccer is back in the "Steel City" with a big double-header fixture at Austral Park.

In the early match, the ambitious BHP Austral will clash with

visiting Canterbury Marrickville Olympic, starting at noon, whilst in the main game St George takes on the high-flying Adelaide City who are currently in second spot, just one point behind QNSL leaders Apia.

St George went down 2-1 last weekend to Melbourne Croatia and Adcity, the 1986 NSL champions, crushed Sunshine George Cross 4-1 in Adelaide.

The main game kicks off at 2pm.

The Newcastle area has been starved of top soccer and Novocastrians who love the game should be at Austral Park this Sunday for this spectacular double-header.

St George boss Frank Arok said last night: "We are out to entertain the people of Newcastle who have been deprived of top soccer for too long."



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Quit National League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Apia Leichhardt	18	9	6	3	27	16	24
Adelaide City	17	9	5	3	29	16	23
Marconi	16	8	6	2	32	14	22
Melbourne Croatia	16	9	4	5	34	21	22
South Melbourne	18	9	4	5	24	16	22
Sydney Olympic	17	8	4	5	27	15	20
Sydney Croatia	18	7	4	7	26	27	18
Preston	18	7	3	8	19	22	17
Wollongong City	18	6	4	8	19	29	16
Melita Eagles	17	5	4	8	13	19	14
Sunshine GC	18	5	4	9	21	31	14
St George	16	4	5	7	19	29	13
Adelaide Hellas	17	4	2	11	16	36	10
Blacktown City	17	3	3	11	20	35	9

Results

ST GEORGE 1 (T. Krslovic) SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (G. Arnold, D. Seal) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2856.★
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (T. Tsolakis, K. Taliadoros) PRESTON 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 5000 (estimated)
MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (F. Awaritefe, M. O'Shea o.g.) ST GEORGE 1 (M. Bingley) at Somers Street. Crowd: 3165.
BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (G. Gunning) WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Z. Hristovski, R. Easthorpe) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 1002.
MARCONI 4 (S. Glavovic 2, T. McCulloch 2) ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2349.
APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (P. Murray) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (A. Hunter) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 5154.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (A. Saad, M. Perinovic) MELITA EAGLES 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3376.
ADELAIDE CITY 4 (S. Melita, C. Veart, T. Vidmar, A. Vidmar) SUNSHINE GC 1 (C. Ketsakidis) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 4711.

★ Deferred game from Round 15

Crowds

ROUND 18: 25,257
AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,603
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 375,734★

★ four deferred matches still to be played

Top Scorers

Zlatko Nastevski	(Marconi)	11
Rod Brown	(Apia Leichhardt)	10
Greg Brown	(Melita Eagles)	10
Abbas Saad	(Olympic)	10
David Seal	(Sydney Croatia)	9
Zeljko Adzic	(Melbourne Croatia)	8
Steve Smith	(Preston)	8

Team of Round 18

T. Franken (Syd Croatia)
G. van Egmond (Marconi)
N. Plataniotis (Olympic)
R. Wheatley (Marconi)
B. Halliday (Apia)
A. Bernal (Olympic)
T. McCulloch (Marconi)
Z. Hristovskilita)
A. Saad (Olympic)
F. de Jong (Marconi)
G. Brown (Melita)

Player of Round 18

Peter Tsolakis (Sth Melbourne)

Marconi just awesome

BY FRANK SCICLUNA



Apia's Rod Brown on the prowl against Sydney Croatia in the drawn QNSL tie last weekend — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

Back-to-back QNSL champions Marconi sent a chilling warning to their challengers that only a minor miracle can deny them a championship hat-trick with a dazzling 4-0 demolition of relegation candidates Adelaide Hellas at Bossley Park on Saturday night.

The fact that Hellas were no more than a team of hard runners who never stopped trying for the entire 90 minutes cannot be ignored but on this performance the quality football served up by the champions would have destroyed any opponent.

Even without the services of goal machine Zlatko Nastevski and the silky touches of an injured David Lowe, Marconi turned on a

scintillating display of the much admired "total football," the like of which is rarely seen in this country.

Every man did his job to perfection, laying off intelligent balls, finding and running into acres of space in support and making use of the whole park.

It was sheer pleasure to watch and must have been agonising to play against.

Yugoslav striker Senad Glavovic continues to give the impression that he can go a long way towards plugging the goalscoring gap left vacant by Nastevski, scoring twice on the night to bring up an impressive tally of four goals in as many appearances.

Glavovic opened the floodgates in the 16th minute when he latched on to an incisive through ball from Gary

van Egmond, calmly rounded the keeper and side-footed into an empty net.

Hellas hit back three

minutes later with a Ray Blair attempt from all of 30 metres almost surprising Bobby Catlin but the keeper reacted well to tip over the bar.

Big defender Nick Mousoulis was forced to bring down Ian Gray in full flight after 22 minutes to concede the first of his two penalties, leaving Tommy McCulloch with the task of steering the ball past goalie Chris Tsoleridis to increase the lead.

The unfortunate Mousoulis was again caught in a no-win situation eight minutes after half-time when van Egmond broke through into the box at such speed that any tackle was always going to result in a penalty.

McCulloch had no trouble sending the keeper the wrong way

and a hapless Hellas had nothing left to play for except to try and keep the score down to respectable proportions.

Van Egmond was continuing to cause havoc from his powerful fast raids and Marconi had Hellas on the rack with first McCulloch then Gray going close to hitting the target but in the end it was left to the explosive Glavovic to round off the 4-0 spanking.

A Matteo Colucci corner in the 72 minute was nodded down by Fred de Jong for the little striker to swivel on his right foot and sweep the ball past Tsoleridis with his left.

MARCONI: Catlin 7, van Egmond 8, Calderan 7, Wheatley 7, de Marigny 7, Gray 7, McCulloch 8, Okon 8 (Gomez 74m), Katholos 6 (Colucci 64m), de Jong 6, Glavovic 7.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Tsoleridis 7, Hiern 6, Mills 6, Mousoulis 5, Slager 5, Miranda 6, Watkins 5, Kidd 6, Wright 6, Blair 5, Rankin 5 (Canter 84m).

SCORERS: Glavovic 16 and 72m, McCulloch 22 & 53m (both penalties).

YELLOW CARDS: Calderan 40m for Marconi; Wright 77m for Hellas.

REFEREE: J. McConnell 7. CROWD: 2349.

2.30pm
starts

A reminder to all QNSL fans — don't forget that starting this weekend, all games kick off at 2.30pm, with the exception of deferred midweek matches.

AdCity far too classy

BY ALAN CLARK

SUNSHINE made it perfectly obvious they had come to get a result from Adelaide City on Sunday at Hindmarsh.

And they did not care if they were not pretty about it. In the end, though, they had nothing to show for their blatantly defensive pose that often had 10 men behind the ball.

City were stifled and not able to show their full range of artistry but they still sent fans home happy with four good goals.

The first came in 38 minutes via skipper Sergio Melita.

Carl Veart, bouncing back to better form and worrying the life out of incongruous twosome Shaun Parton and John Waddell, swivelled to set up the chance Melita gleefully struck home.

The goal arrived after both sides had had good chances to net.

Parton looked to have scored through his own goal in 26 minutes when he scooped the ball over goalkeeper Sean Keough's head but Chris Ketsakidis cleared off the line.

Sunshine's one man

attacker Ernie Tapai, whose pace and brilliant close control was a big threat, forced Soccerroo goalkeeper Robert Zabica into breathtaking action with a superlative save in 28 minutes.

City's second goal came in injury-time at the end of the first half.

Veart sent Melita scampering into attack and he was hauled down just on the edge of the box by Gary Hasler. The Sunshine man was booked and Aurelio Vidmar delicately curled the free-kick into the net.

City looked on easy street but Tapai twice frightened them before he squirmed a ball through Zabica's guard and Ketsakidis pushed it home in 60 minutes.

But City soon was back in stride and two goals in front again.

Paul Shillabeer went on the rampage down the line in 68 minutes and slipped in a cross that Veart volleyed home.

City stormed past the finishing line with another goal just on the final whistle as Tony Vidmar headed home off a de-

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica 6, Shillabeer 6, T. Vidmar 6, Ivanovic 5, Tobin 6, Melita 7, Santrao 6, Veart 7, Mullen 6, Maxwell 5, (Villani 5), A. Vidmar 6.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 6, Fabrizio 6, Roodhouse 6, Waddell 5, Parton 5, Ketsakidis 6, Kindner 5, Tapai 8, Hasler 6, Clarkson 5, (Alevisos 70m), Muscat 5, (Altard 78m).

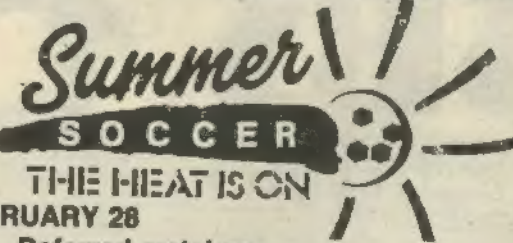
SCORERS: Melita 38m, A. Vidmar 47m, Veart 67m, T. Vidmar 90m for City; Ketsakidis 60m for Sunshine.

YELLOW CARDS: Santrao 12m for City; Hasler 47m for Sunshine.

REFEREE: P. Spiers 5.

CROWD: 4700.

Weekend fixtures



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Deferred matches

MARCONI v BLACKTOWN CITY
MELITA EAGLES v ADELAIDE CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v ADELAIDE HELLAS
SUNDAY, MARCH 4
ROUND 19

ST GEORGE v ADELAIDE CITY
SYDNEY CROATIA v PRESTON
MELITA EAGLES v BLACKTOWN
WOLLONGONG CITY v MARCONI
SUNSHINE GC v APIA LEICHHARDT
SOUTH MELBOURNE v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
ADELAIDE HELLAS v MELBOURNE CROATIA

Marconi Stadium 7.30pm
Melita Stadium 7.30pm
St George Stadium 7.30pm

Austral Park 2pm
Croatian Sports Centre 2.30pm
Melita Stadium 2.30pm
Brandon Park 2.30pm
Skinner Reserve 2.30pm
Middle Park 2.30pm
Hindmarsh 2.30pm

South Melbourne destroy Preston

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

SOUTH Melbourne virtually ended Preston's finals hopes after a convincing 2-0 victory to re-affirm its own top five position at Olympic Park last Friday night.

Chances fell evenly in the opening 15 minutes with perhaps the best opportunity falling to Preston striker Steve Smith after a delightful cut-back from speedster Andrew Zinni, but ever-reliable South defender Steve Blair booted clear off the goal-line.

For South its golden boy striker, Paul Trimboli, missed two successive ideal scoring chances, first with a close range header and then a miskick with only the 'keeper to beat.

But South opened the scoring after 21 minutes with a fine goal by dynamic Peter Tsolakis. A long cross wide to the right by Mehmet Durakovic found hard-working Joe Palatsides, who headed square into the goalmouth where Tsolakis headed home into the top near corner of the net.

South Melbourne proceeded to tear the Preston defence to shreds and its second goal arrived on the half-hour. This time Palatsides with a quick-thinking header found big Kimon Taliadoros who blasted home into the near corner of the net from just inside the area.

Trimboli was desperate to erase the memory of his earlier misses with a left footer to the far corner but a goalline clearance by Steve Jackson foiled Trimboli's

hopes again.

But South were always in control and could have easily have gone into the break four or five goals up.

After the interval Preston fought back with some determined play, led by attacking defenders Jackson and George Jolevski, however South were always threatening on the counter-attack due to Tsolakis' dashing runs down the left wing.

If it wasn't for some courageous goalkeeping by Preston's Phillip Traianedes, South have won in a canter.

With only minutes remaining, Preston had one final chance to score via substitute Joe Markovac, younger brother of forward

Robert Markovac. Striker Smith sent a cross to the far post where Markovac stretched to meet it with only the 'keeper to beat but he just couldn't keep it down and his left footer sailed over the crossbar.

PRESTON: Traianedes 7, Temcev 6, Jolevski 6, Jackson 6, Tasevski 6, R. Markovac 6, Petrov 5, (J. Markovac 63m), Piculovski 5, (Silikae 5), Smith 5, Metaxas 5, Zinni 5.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: MacLaren 6, Healy 7, Postecoglou 8, Durakovic 7, Blair 6, Wade 7, Taliadoros 7, Palatsides 7, (Mori 86m), Trimboli 6, Wright 5, Tsolakis 6, (Michalakopoulos 89m).

SCORERS: Tsolakis 21m, Taliadoros 30m for South Melbourne.

YELLOW CARDS: Tasevski 40m, Piculovski 42m, Temcev 47m for Preston; Palatsides 80m for South Melbourne.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc 6.
CROWD: 5,000 (estimated).

Crucial Wolves win

BY ANDY CURTIS

WOLLONGONG City came away with the two points in their clash with Blacktown City at Gabbie Stadium on Saturday night.

crossed from the right and found John Gibson who beat three defenders but his shot was deflected by the stretched defence.

Eventually in the 86th



Action galore in the Sydney Croatia goalmouth last Sunday as Apia launch another attack — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

DID YOU KNOW?

— THAT Torpedo Moscow, who visited Australia in January, were undefeated when they last toured in 1965?

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DID YOU KNOW?

Blacktown failed to take advantage of their opportunities whereas the visitors capitalised on their few clear chances to win 2-1.

In the 5th and 12th minutes it was only brilliant last-ditch saves from Bill London that prevented Wollongong from taking the lead.

But the inevitable happened in the 40th minute when Paul McFadden for Wollongong made a darting run into the Blacktown penalty area and was brought down by Sean Murphy.

Zivko Hristovski had no trouble slamming the ball home from the ensuing spotkick.

In the second half Blacktown looked the more committed side and in the 55th minute great work from striker Zlatko Arambasic almost led to an equaliser when he eventually

minute Randell Easthorpe put the issue beyond doubt when he calmly nodded home after a great skirting run by Danny Crainie down the left.

Blacktown got a consolation goal in the dying seconds when Geoff Gunning, who tried hard all night for the Demons, headed a neat ball into the top left corner after receiving a well weighted cross from Zarko Odzakovic.

BLACKTOWN: London 7, Carter 6, Reynolds 6, Yankos 6, Maier 5, Murphy 5, Gibson 6, Ferguson 5, Odzakovic 6, Arambasic 7, Gunning 6.

WOLLONGONG: Bouhoutos 6, Skeen 6, O'Neill 5, Ratcliffe 6, Viletstra 7, Lloyd 6, McFadden 7, Hristovski 7, Easthorpe 7, Versi 6 (Petkovik 50m), Crainie 7.

SCORERS: Hristovski 40m, Easthorpe 86m for Wollongong; Gunning 89m for Blacktown.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde 6.

CROWD: 1002.

Score flatters feeble Saints

BY GREG BLAKE

IT was the day those six-gun toting, sharp-shooting, mean young varmints from Melbourne Croatia were going to draw their sidearms and come out a-blazing against St George and take vengeance for a galling home defeat by top-guns Marconi one week earlier.

In the end Croatia didn't even have to unholster its weapons as St George fumbled its way ineptly through a dreadful first half and before they even managed to fire off a shot in anger the Saints had already shot themselves in the foot and effectively ended the contest.

For the first 45 minutes of Sunday's clash at Somers Street you'd have sworn that half a dozen Saints players simply hadn't turned up.

Thank goodness for John Filan and one or two others in the St George defence who had realised there is more to this QNSL caper than simply turning up.

Mind you Saints nearly took an unexpected lead when George Hannah's lob back to his own keeper David Miller had Miller stretching to turn the ball over the bar.

But if a mistake of monumental proportions had to be made you would have bet next week's rent on it coming

from a St George player. It did.

Twenty-six minutes in Mike O'Shea's skimming near-post back header from Josip Biskic's corner did the trick and the St George defender turned and watched in horror as the ball rocketed past his own keeper and into his own net.

Eight minutes later a rousing piece of goalmouth action produced Croatia's second goal with Branko Milosevic hitting the post from an angle and then running on to the rebound and crossing to where Joe Caleta was on hand to put his header against the crossbar.

It was third time lucky as Awaritefe charged in to slam the bobbling ball past Gibson to make it 2-0.

Nine minutes from time Matthew Bingley, who had done a mighty job in tagging Adzic for the day, was able to storm forward and rifle home Krslovic's 81st minute cross to make it 2-1.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller 7, Davidson 7, Marth 6, Talajic 5, Hannah 6, Duzel 6, Adzic 5, Milosevic 6, Biskic 7, Caleta 4, Awaritefe 5.

ST GEORGE: Filan 7, Green 6, Dean 6, Moffitt 6, O'Shea 5, Bingley 6, Spanoudakis 4 (Kakakios 72m), Milicevic 3, Knight 4, Krslovic 6, Ilie 4.

SCORERS: O'Shea own goal 26m, Awaritefe 32m for Melbourne Croatia; Bingley 81m for St George.

YELLOW CARDS: Biskic 73m, Caleta 90m for Croatia; Knight 36m, Bingley 57m, Dean 73m for St George.

REFEREE: J. Rossis 5.
CROWD: 3165.

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THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST WEEK 240 SAT 3 MARCH

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	CHARLTON	NORWICH	1
	LIVERPOOL	MILLWALL	2
	MAN. UTD.	LUTON	3
	NOTT'M F.	MAN. CITY	4
	SHEFF. WED.	DERBY	5
	TOTTENHAM	CRYSTAL P.	6
	WIMBLEDON	EVERTON	7
	BLACKBURN	WOLVES	8
	BRADFORD C.	SHEFF. UTD.	9
	BRIGHTON	OLDHAM	10
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	HULL	OXFORD UTD.	11
	IPSWICH	LEICESTER	12
	MIDDLESBRO	WEST HAM	13
	NEWCASTLE	BARNLEY	14
	PLYMOUTH	SUNDERLAND	15
	STOKE	BOURNEMTH	16
	SWINDON	PORT VALE	17
	WATFORD	LEEDS	18
	WEST BROM.	PORTSMOUTH	19
	BIRMINGHAM	MANSFIELD	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BLACKPOOL	WALSALL	21
	BRISTOL R.	WIGAN A.	22
	BURY	NOTTS C.	23
	CHESTER	BRISTOL C.	24
	FULHAM	PRESTON	25
	HUDDERSFIELD	CREWE	26
	LEYTON O.	SWANSEA	27
	NORTH'PTON	TRANMERE	28
	READING	BOLTON	29
	ROTHERHAM	BRENTFORD	30
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	CHESTERFIELD	TORQUAY	31
	EXETER	YORK	32
	GILLINGHAM	CAMBRIDGE U.	33
	GRIMSBY	DONCASTER	34
	HALIFAX	SCUNTHORPE	35
	HEREFORD	ALDERSHOT	36
	LINCOLN	HARTLEPOOL	37
	PETERBORO	WREXHAM	38
	ROCHDALE	MAIDSTONE	39
	SCARBORO	BURNLEY	40
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	SOUTHEND	CARLISLE	41
	BARNET	NORTHWICH	42
	CHORLEY	KETTERING	43
	FARNBORO	ALTRINCHAM	44
	FISHER ATH.	DARLINGTON	45
	CELTIC	DUNDEE U.	46
	DUNDEE	RANGERS	47
	DUNF'MLINE	ABERDEEN	48
	HEARTS	MOTHERWELL	49
	ST. MIRREN	HIBERNIAN	50
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	ALBION R.	AIRDRIE	51
	CLYDEBANK	AYR	52
	FURFAR	ALLOA	53
	HAMILTON	FALKIRK	54
	MEADOWBANK	MORTON	55
	LEEDS	31	17
	Sheff Utd	30	15
	Swindon	31	14
	Oldham	30	13
	Sunderland	31	12
SCOTTISH DIVISION 2	Blackburn	31	11
	Wolves	31	10
	Morton	28	9
	Newcastle	29	11
	Port Vale	31	11
	Oxford	30	12
	Ipswich	29	11
	Bournemouth	30	11
	Leicester	31	11
	West Ham	30	10
SCOTTISH DIVISION 3	Watford	30	9
	Portsmouth	31	8
	WBA	31	8
	Middlesbrough	30	9
	Brighton	30	9
	Plymouth	29	8
	Hull	30	6
	Bradford	31	6
	Barnsley	30	7
	Stoke	31	5
SCOTTISH DIVISION 4	Airdrie	29	19
	St Johnst	28	17
	Clydebank	29	12
	Hamilton	28	11
	Falkirk	29	11
	Partick	28	9
	Mowbrn	28	9
	Morton	28	6
	Ayr	28	9
	Raith	27	10
SCOTTISH DIVISION 5	Clyde	27	6
	Albion	28	5
	Alloa	27	5
	Forfar	28	4
	Brechin	28	15
	Stirling	27	13
	Stenhouse	28	13
	Kilmarnock	26	13
	East Fife	27	8
	Dumbarton	24	9

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 24/2/90 — WEEK 239

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED									
1	25	28	38	44	49	50	51	52	53	1	7	7	1	13	0	2	0	8	3
2	42	53	47	48	45	46	49	42	41	2	27	1	11	12	0	5	14	15	12
3	45	43	34	50	45	48	50	48	47	3	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
4	45	53	27	29	30	31	32	33	34	4	15	10	2	4	1	0	3	1	6
5	49	63	54	64	50	50				5	8	3	6	4	2	1			

Results History is from Week 38, the start of the 38 Pools

ENGLISH DIV 1: Aston Villa 0
Wimbledon 3, Chelsea 1, Man-
chester United 0, Crystal Palace
1, Sheffield Wednesday 1, Derby
2, Tottenham 1, Luton 1, South-
ampton 1, Manchester City 1,
Charlton 2, Millwall 1, Queen's
Park Rangers 2.

DIV 2: Barnsley 1, Hull 1, Bour-
nemouth 1, Bradford 0, Leeds 2,
West Bromwich 2, Leicester 2,
Stoke 1, Oldham 4, Ipswich 1,
Oxford 3, Middlesbrough 1,
Portsmouth 1, Swindon 1, Port
Vale 3, Plymouth 0, Sheffield Un-
ited 1, Newcastle 1, Sunderland 2,
Brighton 1, West Ham 1, Black-
burn 1, Wolverhampton 1, Wat-
ford 1.

DIV 3: Bolton 3, Birmingham 1,
Bristol City 0, Reading 1, Crewe
2, Bury 1, Mansfield 1, Leyton
Orient 0, Notts County 1, Hud-
dersfield 0, Preston 4, Cardiff 0,
Shrewsbury 1, Rotherham 1,
Swansea 0, Bristol Rovers 0, Wal-
sall 1, Chester 1, Wigan 2, Fulham
1, played Friday: Tranmere 4,
Blackpool 2.

DIV 4: Aldershot 0, Grimsby 0,
Burnley 0, Lincoln 0, Carlisle 0,
Rochdale 1, Hartlepool 3, Ches-
terfield 1, Maidstone 1, Halifax 2,
Scunthorpe 5, Stockport 0, Tor-
quay 2, Peterborough 1, Wrex-
ham 1, Exeter 1, York 1, Scarb-
rough 2, played Friday: Colches-
ter 2, Gillingham 0.

SCOTTISH CUP, Rd 4: Aber-
deen 2, Morton 1, Hearts 4,
Motherwell 0, Hibernian 5, East
Fife 1.

SCOTTISH DIV 2: Berwick 1,
Kilmarnock 4.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	26	16	4	6	43	24	52
Liverpool	26	14	8	4	50	26	50
Arsenal	24	13	3	8	38	25	42
Notts Fst	25	11	7	7	38	25	40
Tottenham	27	11	6	10	39	35	39
Chelsea	27	10	9	8	42	39	39
Derby	25	11	5	9	33	22	38
Everton	25	11	5	9	34	31	38
Coventry	25	11	4	10	24	32	37
Southampton	25	9	9	7	47	42	36
Wimbledon	26	8	11	7	31	28	35
Norwich	25	9	8	8	28	27	35
QPR	25	8	9	8	28	33	33
Sheff Wed	26	7	9	12	23	37	30
Crystal Pal	26	6	12	31	51	30	30
Man Utd	26	7	7	12	30	36	28
Man City	26	7	7	12	28	41	28
Luton	26	5	11	10	29	37	26
Millwall	27	5	9	13	33	47	24
Charlton	26	5	7	14	23	37	22

DIVISION TWO

Leeds	31	17	9	5	56	36	60
Sheff Utd	30	15	11	4	45	31	56
Swindon	31	14	9	8	56	43	51
Oldham	30	13	11	6	46	35	50
Sunderland	31	12	7	7	49	45	48
Blackburn	31	11	14	6	54	45	47
Wolves	31	12	10	9	47	39	46
Newcastle	29	11	11	7	50	39	44
Port Vale	31	11	11	9	43	35	44
Oxford	30	12	7	11	43	40	43
Ipswich	29	11	9	9	42	44	42
Bournemouth	30	11	8	11	47	40	41
Leicester	31	11	8	12	42	45	41
West Ham	30	10	10	10	44	38	40
Watford	30	9	9	12	37	38	36
Portsmouth	31	8	12	11	41	46	36
WBA	31	8	11	12	49	51	35
Middlesbrough	30	9	7	14	37	45	34
Brighton	30	9	5	16	36	45	32
Plymouth	29	8	7	14	38	45	31
Hull	30	6	13	11	36	45	31
Bradford	31	6	12	13	32	44	30
Barnsley	30	7	9	14	30	52	30
Stoke	31	5	11	15	26	49	26

DIVISION THREE

Brist City	27	16	5	6	35	21	53
Notts City	29	15	8	6	42	31	53
Tranmere	30	15	6	9	57	34	51
Brist Rev	28	13	11	4	36	20	50
Bolton	28	13	10	5	44	30	49
Rotherham	30	13	9	8	35	36	48

Huddersfield	28	13	9	6	38	31	48
Bury	31	11	8	12	43	39	41
Brentford	29	12	3	14	42	43	39
Chester	32	9	12	11	30	38	39
Shrewsbury	29	9	10	10	38	37	37
Birmingham	29	10	7	12	32	38	37
Reading	28	8	12	8	36	35	36
Crewe	29	8	12	9	32	32	36
Wigan	29	8	12	9	29	34	36
Swansea	30	9	9	12	30	43	36
Ley Orient	30	10	5	15	37	42	35
Fulham	30	8	10	12	38	43	34
Mansfield	29	10	4	15	30	39	34
Northampton	25	8	8	9	31	34	32
Preston	30	9	5	16	41	57	32
Cardiff	28	7	10	11	31	42	31
Blackpool	28	6	9	13	27	38	27
Walsall	28	5	10	13	23	40	25

DIVISION FOUR

Carlisle	30	15	7	8	41	32	52
Exeter	28	16	3	9	49	32	51
Stockport	32	15	6	11	49	46	51
Southend	30	14	7	9	41	31	49
Lincoln	30	13	9	8	29	28	48
Chesterfield	28	13	7	8	40	30	46
Maidstone	30	14	4	12	45	40	46
York	31	12	10	9	34	33	46
Grimsby	31	11	11	9	43	35	44
Gillingham	29	12	8	9	33	29	44
Scunthorpe	30	10	11	9	44	36	41
Peterboro	30	9	14	7	38	32	41
Rochdale	29	12	5	12	30	28	41
Cambridge	26	11	6	9	43	40	39
Burnley	27	10	8	9	28	28	38
Torquay	28	10	8	10	34	38	38
Aldershot	29	9	10	10	35	41	37
Halifax	30	9	9	12	42	40	36
Scarboro	31	10	8	15	37	47	36
Doncaster	30	9	6	15	34	38	33
Hereford	27	8	11	11	34	38	32
Hartlepool	31	8	6	17	44	68	30
Colchester	31	6	9	16	32	51	27
Wrexham	30	4	10	16	27	45	22

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIV

Rangers	27	16	7	4	37	14	39
Aberdeen	27	12	8	7	41	25	32
Hearts	27	12	7	8	45	31	31
Celtic	27	9	10	8	30	24	28
Motherwell	27	9	10	8	37	35	28
Dundee Utd	27	8	11	8	31	31	27
Hibernian	27	8	11	25	33	24	24
Dunfermlin	27	6	12	29	38	24	22
St Mirren	27	8	6	13	22	42	22
Dundee	27	3	9	15	31	55	15

DIVISION ONE

Airdrie	29	19	6	4	59	27	44
St Johnst	28	17	6	5	55	29	40
Clydebank	29	12	8	9	58	48	32
Hamilton	28	11	10	7	39	35	32
Falkirk	29	11	9	9	46	38	31
Partick	28	9	11	8	49	38	29
Edwunk	28	9	9	10	31	33	27
Morton	28	6	15	7	27	32	27
Ayr	26	9	9	10	33	47	27
Gaith	27	10	6	11	38	42	26
Dyde	27	6	9	12	24	35	21
Gilbion	28	5	9	14	32	54	29
Alfoa	27	5	14	31	46	18	
Portar	28	4	11	13	32	50	17

Two late goals save Olympic

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY Olympic scrambled to a 2-0 victory over a luckless Melita Eagles, scoring both goals in the last two minutes of the match before an excited crowd of 3,376 at the St George Stadium on Sunday.

The final scoreline really flattered Olympic as a draw would have been a far more equitable result.

With time running out, Olympic's right midfielder Andrew Bernal slung a perfect cross deep into Melita's box and just as it looked as if goalkeeper Alex McPherson had it in his gloves, Saad was able to steer the ball into the net from only two metres out.

No sooner had the highly excited Olympic supporters settled back into their seats, their team had scored yet again.

Olympic's lanky striker Marco Perinovic, in a fine solo effort, drifted past two Melita defenders down the right flank, veered into the box before unleashing a lethal left footed 12 metre drive that crashed into Melita's net.

Great credit must go to coach Raul Blanco who went into battle with most positive tactics, forcing Melita to have a real go at Olympic by throwing people forward.



Jason van Blerk (right), Apia's best player in the 1-1 draw with Sydney Croatia last Sunday, tangles with Velimir Kupresak — photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

Melita in fact, created several scoring chances that all went begging.

Striker Greg Brown blasted from 20 metres a rocket drive in the 28th minute which Olympic goalkeeper Clint Gosling just managed to tip over his bar, and this was followed just three minutes after halftime by a thunderous 35 metre free kick by

Melita's captain, sweeper Washington Gonzalez, which Gosling again just got a glove to as he lifted it over his bar.

Marshall Soper flashed a close-range header just past the left post in the 63rd minute, and Brown followed up with another near-miss a bare three minutes later.

Sydney Olympic's Scott Ollerenshaw should have opened the score as early as in the 11th minute, but his effort shaved the left post by centimetres whilst centre-back Nick Plataniotis rifled a 20 metre drive well on target from a corner on the right, only to see McPherson drop down well to smother the danger in the 31st minute.

Eleven minutes after the break, Saad hooked a dangerous looking shot from the right towards the goal and over McPherson's head, but Melita's brilliant centre-back, Alfredo Barrios, swung around in cover to head a certain goal well off the line.

Referee Jim Reeves displayed remarkable tolerance in the 61st minute when fiery striker Soper tangled with defender Plataniotis but got off with just a warning.

Bernal, Olympic's best player, finally got satisfaction when Saad eventually managed to get on the end of one of his many crosses with two minutes left to play to score.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling 7, Barrett 6, Plataniotis 5, Hooker 5, Phillips 5, Bernal 8, Ironside 6, Hristodoulou 7, Ollerenshaw 6 (Refones 84m), Saad 6, Perinovic 6.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 6, Callinan 6 (Barrios 60m), Gonzalez 5, O'Donnell 7, Vial 6 (Falce 85m), Mason 7 (Dickenson 70m), Gimenez 5, Genc 6, Soper 6, Brown 6.

SCORERS: Saad 88m, Per-

novic 89m for Sydney Olympic.
YELLOW CARDS: Gimenez 7m, Callinan 57m, O'Donnell 65m, for Melita; Perinovic 65m for Sydney Olympic.
REFEREE: J. Reeves 8.
CROWD: 3376.

GARVEY SALUTES MARCONI

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BRIAN Garvey, coach of Adelaide Hellas, could not but sit back and admire the highly polished demolition Marconi inflicted on his team last Saturday night at Marconi Stadium.

The former First Division English centre back, told ASW after the match: "We can only learn from the soccer played by Marconi."

"Their running off the ball, their passing, setting up of scoring chances and their easy, simple style of soccer is a lesson all teams in Australia can learn from."

Marconi's well-oiled machine easily outclassed the South Australian side to the tune of 4-0, throwing down the gauntlet to all comers that they are after their third successive QNSL title.

APIA Leichhardt clung to first place on the QNSL standings with a pulsating 1-1 draw against fast-improving Sydney Croatia last Sunday.

The largest crowd for some time at Lambert Park was thoroughly entertained in a match of fluctuating fortunes.

Though Apia had more clear-cut chances to score, Croatia seemed headed for a win after taking the lead through a 51st minute penalty.

Darren Stewart handled a Manis Lamond drive on the Apia goal line and Alan Hunter, a 15th minute substitute for the injured Wally Savor, drove home the spotkick.

The goal came somewhat against the run of the play as Apia had been the better team until then.

Rod Brown should have scored in the 12th minute and in the 33rd Croatia keeper Tony Franken made a spectacular one-handed save off Mark Brown, whose vicious 30-metre drive had goal written all over it.

Croatia's only real chance of the first period fell to David Seal, who should have

scored off a Graham Arnold header in the 30th minute.

But after taking the lead, Croatia grabbed the initiative in the midfield, an area where they were sadly lacking in the first period.

When Franken again performed heroics with one of the best saves of the season to deny a goal from Peter Murray's header in the 73rd minute, Apia's goose looked cooked but the competition leaders showed great character to resolutely go forward seeking the equaliser.

The turning point of the match probably came in the 75th minute when it was Tony Pezzano's turn to deny Seal.

From then on it was all Apia and they were rewarded for their efforts when Murray was on the spot to pick up a Jason van Blerk cross.

APIA: Pezzano 7, M Brown 6 (Okon 65m), Jennings 6, Stewart 6, Halliday 7, Clinch 7, Ellem 5, Murray 5 (Stankovic 86m), R Brown 6, Bundalo 5, van Blerk 7.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken 8, Savor (Hunter 15m 7), Grbevski 5, Rumora 5 (Petkovic 88m), Jones 7, Kupresak 5, Ricoy 5, Gojevic 5, Arnold 7, Seal 5, Lamond 6.

SCORERS: Hunter 51m (pen) for Croatia; Murray 79m for Apia.

Yellow card: Stewart 51m for Apia.

Referee: J Santa Isabel 6.

Crowd: 5156.

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DEFERRED GAME

Arnold, Franken save Sydney Croatia

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



TONY FRANKEN — in brilliant form.

GRAHAM ARNOLD and Anthony Franken both did more than their share to save Sydney Croatia against a rampaging St George last Wednesday night at the St George Stadium in their deferred Round 15 clash which Croatia eventually won 2-1.

The first half saw

each of the St George strike-trio come in a one-on-one situation with Croatia's goalkeeper, Franken, but on all three occasions Franken denied them just reward.

Matthew Bingley (23m), was the first to be denied, followed by Zoran Ilic (27m) and then Tony Krslovic (41m).

St George eventually hit the lead in the 59th

minute through Krslovic who scored from eight metres, following good lead up work by midfielder Andy Harper and striker Bingley.

Then it was up to arguably Australia's 'Most Valuable Player,' Graham Arnold, to salvage both NSL points for his team.

Arnold firstly equalised three minutes later with a magnificent goal whilst lying on the 'floor' 12 metres out.

The St George defence, sensing the lurking danger from Arnold, swarmed in on the Soccerroo striker, knocking him to the ground.

Arnold still retained possession, and from a lying position, managed to strike the ball into goal.

Afterwards Arnold said: "We were behind and the ball was there to be hit."

"But give credit to St George, who were great tonight and really pressured us. If they continue to play like that for the rest of the season they will have no worries."

Arnold's work however was not over and 10 minutes from fulltime he released right striker David Seal with a magnificent ball into the clear for Seal to



GRAHAM ARNOLD

drill a 15 metre low drive past Saints' young goalkeeper, John Filan.

Credit must be given to both sides who constantly threw people forward, giving the 2,856 paying customers excellent entertaining value for their money.

ST GEORGE: Filan (6); Green (6), Dean (6) (Kakakios 83m), O'Shea (7), Koczka (6); Harper (6), Moffitt (7), Knight (6); Bingley (6), Krslovic (7), Ilic (6).

SYDNEY CROATIA: Frank-en (8); Savor (7), Hunter (6) (Rumora 61m), Jones (6), Grbevski (7); Ricoy (6), Kupresak (6), Petkovic (6) (Goyevic 65m); Seal (7), Arnold (9), Lamond (8).

Scorers: Krslovic (59) for St George, Arnold (62) and Seal (80) for Sydney Croatia.

Yellow cards: Filan (47), Harper (60) and Dean (70) for St George.

Referee: P. Spiers 8. Crowd: 2,856.

Narrow NSL Cup win to Marconi

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

A Wollongong City which in effect was no more than a second-string line-up took Marconi right down to the wire in last Wednesday's night first round NSL Cup tie at Bossley Park and only surrendered to a last-minute Gary van Egmond winner in their courageous 2-1 defeat.

A number of good chances were allowed to go begging for the champions in a competitive first half, striker Senad Glavovic being the main offender.

With a little more composure in front of goal, he could have easily had a hat-trick.

The little Yugoslav finally broke through 11 minutes after time, making no mistake with a low drive beneath the advancing Pupovac from a good ball delivered by Vince Colagiuri.

Instead of cracking under pressure, however, the young Wolves clawed their way back with an equaliser nine minutes later.

Crainie was the

architect with a weaving 30-metre run before setting Tony Versi on his way, who passed to Michael Lardis, who scored.

That shock equaliser stung Marconi into action and for the remaining 25 minutes they pounded their opponents with fierce raids from all over the park but Pupovac stopped everything that was thrown at him and the Wolves somehow hung on.

Even a well-struck Matteo Colucci penalty in the 83rd minute after Glavovic was dragged down couldn't beat the inspired keeper and the match looked destined for extra-time with a huge upset well on the cards.

But once again, the Marconi machine was able to wear down even the most obstinate opponent.

Van Egmond capped off possibly his best performance since moving to Bossley Park by collecting a neat ball from Okon in the 88th minute and slamming into an empty net to keep alive Marconi's



Gary van Egmond — last gasp scorer.

Cup hopes.

MARCONI: Catlin, van Egmond, Gomez, Wheatley, Okon, Colucci, McCulloch, Katholos (Surjan 81m), Colagiuri, de Jong, Glavovic (Charlwood 89m).

WOLLONGONG: Pupovac, Vidal, McEvoy, Lloyd, O'Neill, Lardis, Krishna (Placentin 81m), Murphy, Crainie, Roberts, Versi.

SCORERS: Glavovic 56m, Van Egmond 88m for Marconi; Lardis 65m for Wollongong.

YELLOW CARDS: Colucci 31m (Marconi) Referee: M. Loupis. Crowd: 1553.



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David Seal — young man in a hurry

BY KEITH GILMOUR

DAVID SEAL — still a schoolboy (Year 12, Penrith High School), a touch over 18 (born January 26, 1972), and tipped by Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina to give the position of top scorer in the National Soccer League a good shake this season.

It all should seem like a dream to the youngster.

He goes so far as to issue credits to various coaches, but now that he has received his chances, his ability in front of the sticks is so sound that he seems entitled to accept his current position as one of right.

On top of that, David Seal has a direct entry into the huge British soccer market, naturally assuming that the time soon comes along for him to give it a fling.

"My father (Roger) is English and my mother Australian," he explains.

So he only has to keep moving at his present rate and he should have the key to the door of a big money football career.

Mind you, playing in Britain is NOT on the present agenda.

"My present ambition is for Sydney Croatia to reach the Top Five and play in the ONSL finals."

"My next aim is to make the Australian squad. Once I can achieve that I can look for the next step."

Seal has had a long line of coaches since first pulling on his shooting boots with Perth RSL as a seven-year-old in the giant Nepean District Soccer Association in Sydney's western and lower Blue Mountains district.

The one to whom he owes most is Ron Corry, the ex-Socceroo goalkeeper whom many consider was the right man in the wrong place when he was appointed to take over from veteran Vedran Rozic by Sydney Croatia for the 1989/90 season.

Corry perhaps went too strongly for youth, but he was on a hiding to nothing when Croatia could not gain clearances through the Victorian Soccer Federation for their key signings Steve Gojevic and Velimir Kupresak until the start of December.

Said Seal: "Ron is a great coach, and was responsible for my receiving the biggest chance of my life."

"Unfortunately, the players didn't repay him for the confidence he placed in them."

"You have to realise that both Gojevic and Kupresak were approaching their top form when they were

prevented from playing."

from the northern division of the National Youth League.

Scoring all four youth league goals against Wollongong Wolves (result 4-2) and four in the 5-1 victory over Apia Leichhardt pointed the way ahead for the youngster.

Going back in time, his father, Roger Seal, was his coach from under 7 through to under 13.

Klaus Okon handled him for 1½ years with Marconi Youth League under 15, and Paul Ankudinoff with Sydney Olympic under 15 and 17.

With the NSW Federation Academy he gained more experience under the guidance of Alan Vest, Frank Campbell, Eddie Thomson and Willie Wallace.

He comes temporarily under Frank Arok with the Australian under 20 squad which goes to Papua New Guinea in September in the quest for a spot in the next World Youth Cup.

It says a great deal about coaching progress — in spite of any distance still to be covered — when an 18-year-old schoolboy has already been exposed to the ideas of such a dedicated bunch of tutors.

And on top of that Seal responded to the change of coach at Edensor Park to Tony Vrzina by collecting four goals in his first three games since Vrzina took over.

Seal is impressed by the way the team is building up from the back to the midfield.

"The side is working for each other. They hit Arnie (Graham Arnold) and Mike Grbevski and Manis Lamond are overlapping well."

"Arnie is challenging at the far post, and I'm waiting at the near post."

"It's fantastic — brilliant!"

Sydney Croatia, apart from Seal, has plenty of players of the future.

Sweeper Mark Babic earned some rave notices as he began to settle in as sweeper earlier in the season.

Zjelko Kalac, now understudy to the brilliant Tony Franken, has loads of potential as a goalkeeper.

Defender Tony Popovic and midfielder Andrew French will also press for ONSL places.

The injury to Marconi's Zlatko Nastevski and the temporary loss of Paul Trimboli to South Melbourne have opened up the field for the highly sought place of ONSL topscorer for 1989/90.

But Seal's last word for the moment is: "Thanks. Ron (Corry). I owe you heaps!"



David Seal

That "biggest chance of my life" arrived late in the 1989 season, when player-coach Rozic had to return to Yugoslavia at short notice due to the untimely death of his brother.

Long-time club servant Corry came in as caretaker, giving young Seal his opportunity to remedy the goal drought.

"I scored our second goal in my debut against Melbourne City JUST."

"Next I managed two when we won 3-1 over Apia."

"This all caused people to take note of my possibilities, and I quickly received my first contract."

And from there Seal has been putting away the goods — despite the fact that Croatia began the first summer season with a lack of confidence and a dearth of creditable results.

Actually, Seal laid claim to an outstanding future in 1988 and 1989.

In late 1988 and early 1989 he showed what he was capable of by topscoring with 10 goals on the Australian schoolboys' tour of the United States, United Kingdom and Ireland.

There is no questioning the highlight.

With Australia 1-1 with England at Lillieshall at the break, Seal was on a high when he scored twice as the upstarts from Down Under defeated the Old Dart 3-1.

After that Croatia's under 19 coach Greg Ankudinoff enlisted his aid.

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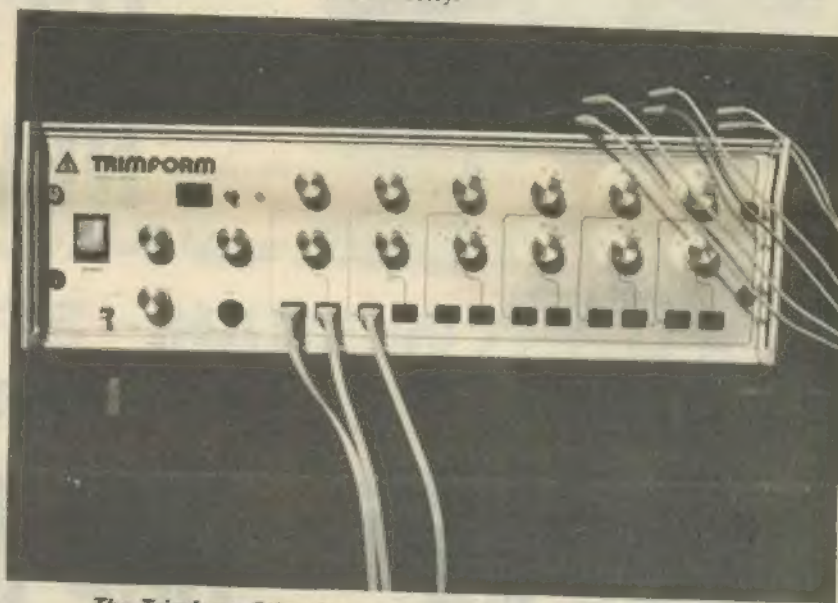
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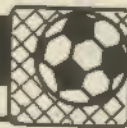
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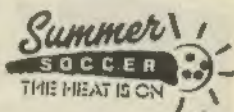
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Maestro Arok to step down

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AFTER seven years of sterling service to the Australian national team, Socceroo coach Frank Arok finally announced his retirement last week to concentrate on his club duties with St George for the next three years.

His emotional announcement brought down the curtain on the 'Arok era' in Australian soccer, an act which will be almost impossible to emulate, let alone sur-

pass in the future by whoever steps in his shoes.

Arok in making the announcement also stated clearly that after he has served these three years he would give away coaching at First Division level and expressed his desire to get involved in some managerial or administrative sphere.

"I did not resign immediately after the last World Cup matches because of an agreement between St George my club and the Australian Soccer Federation.

"Meanwhile, I am

carrying out certain duties for the ASF, like looking after the under 17 and under 20 national squads.

"In reality, I am now filling a position which is currently unattended until the ASK makes an appointment," explained Arok.

Arok's reign began in 1983 when he took over the Soccerroos in an acid test against Bobby Robson's touring England side in a three-match series.

Under his guidance, Australia pulled off two prestigious draws that rocked England, a side that included the world's number 1 goalkeeper, Peter Shilton, and lethal striker Trevor Francis.

Other spectacular and most unforgettable achievements by the Soccerroos under Arok's vigilant eye were victories over Yugoslavia and Nigeria (one of Africa's top sides) in the last Olympic Games, an incredible draw with Scotland in a World Cup qualifier in Melbourne, handing out a 4-1 thrashing to world champions Argentina at the Sydney Football Stadium, plus a spot in the President's Cup final in South Korea where Australia lost on penalties to the home side.



Frank Arok

Such stunning results, as well as Arok's boundless energy and dynamic personality, lifted the Soccerroos' profile to unprecedented levels on the national and international stage.

Since first arriving in Australia to take over St George back in 1969, Arok has created countless innovative situations in Australian soccer.

He became the first fulltime Australian manager-coach as he brought cups, championships and grand final wins to St George.

At one stage of St George's history, Arok had no less than nine World Cup players in the Saints' first team line-up.

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Saints — \$500,000 photo finish

THE St George BSC Ltd, Australia's only privately owned football club, has announced a \$500,000 sponsorship deal which will ensure its financial security for the next three years.

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It was an exceptional day for St George, apart from announcing a half million dollar sponsorship package.

The Mayor of Rockdale, Ald Peter Bryant, has today confirmed major improvements to the St George Stadium and a proposal for the surrounding areas.

These proposed improvements will include:

- A 1,400 car parking area towards the northern end of the Stadium and the Mascot International Airport runway, plus better access roads.

- The proposed improvements will also include the upgrading of the stadium surface, and broadening the spectator hills to the capacity of around 20,000.

- Building a bistro, and up-grading the outside training grounds into a mini stadium. One of these three training fields will be used for competition and provide spectator facilities for thousands of fans, making it one of the best football complexes in the Sydney area.

There will also be some beautification of the entire sporting park.

which will bring the entire complex into the 21st Century, complete with environmentally acceptable surrounds.

Without the help and foresight of the Rockdale Council these developments would not be possible.



Joan Hines of St George sponsors Photo Plates, pictured with the club's managing director, Tony Balassi.

Victorian Super League delayed

BY GREG BLAKE

AS we went to press the Victorian Soccer Federation is awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court for its handing down of a decision regarding the proposed new Victorian Super League.

Round 1 of both the Super League and the 12-team State League were due to kick off last weekend but were postponed awaiting the outcome of the Supreme Court case.

The case was heard by Mr Justice Gray eight days ago but the future of the league remained in limbo until last Monday.

The five dissenting clubs — Albion, Box Hill, Fawkner, Mooroolbark and Ringwood City — took the case to the Supreme Court after missing Super League selection.

The clubs maintain that the VSF does not have the constitutional powers to restructure its competitions.

Should the VSF wins its case the Super League will kick off this weekend with Round 2 (refer to draw in ASW of February 21).

Round 1 is likely to be staged mid-week during the season or as the last round of the competition.

The VSF has maintained its hard-line stance against the dissenting clubs and has warned each of them that they face possible suspension under FIFA guidelines which stipulate affiliated clubs can be deregistered if they take their local bodies to a court of law.

Meanwhile, officials of interstate federations have come out in support of the VSF's attempts to streamline its competitions.

As far as perceptions of the game locally are concerned, soccer's prestige is at an all-time low.

Daily press reports following the Super League saga have hammered further nails into the coffin of the game at State League level.

The term "for the good of the game" has been completely neglected by everyone involved.

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George's likely farewell appearance

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE most compelling reason why Australia is unlikely to see one time Manchester United and Northern Ireland wizard George Best ever again lies in his non-appearance at his night at Waverley in Sydney.

This was a gathering of some 500 Irish and Brits, all of whom in past times were prepared to worship his football genius and the ground that he kicked the football on.

If there was anywhere he needed to be, it was at Waverley.

But he did not show. It replicates a sad history that has been recorded in the media right across the world.

Why Billy Millen ever undertook the 1990 Best tour is difficult to comprehend.

After all, he was trying to build a lecture, playing and coaching kids tour on the disastrous end to the 1989 effort.

It was widely reported in the Queensland press on that occasion that Best had completely failed to do the right thing on two en-

gagements.

The first saw him fail to turn up at one function.



GEORGE BEST

He was traced to the bar of a small hotel, and the promoters tried to salvage something from the wreck by bringing some people across from the proper venue to the one where Best was ensconced.

The second function was a complete wash-out, and local soccer officials said they had no option but to escort Best to the local airport to catch the first possible service back to Brisbane.

This time there were three other unhappy incidents in Sydney, apart from the Waverley no show.

Twice he didn't turn up to scheduled

coaching clinics, and then he missed a game.

It is no use pointing to the times he did turn up or aided charity, because overall his tour was a mess.

Having seen Best at Cromer Park in Sydney some ten years ago, it was obvious then that the great star that we had seen in Australia on tour in 1967 with Manchester United was a spent force.

In the Man United tours his acceleration from a standing start had to be seen to be believed.

But his inability to fulfil a vital proportion of his engagements leaves him an ex-player who often cannot do the right thing by young and older potential admirers.

He is currently involved in bankruptcy proceedings in England.

Best can argue his case against Millen with anyone who cares to listen.

But in Australia it will be a matter of twice bitten, third time completely shy.

On the other hand, have a look at the attitude of Dennis Law and Bobby Charlton.

Law, although unhappy over some of the tour arrangements, did all that was properly required of him.

And Charlton, England's highly worthwhile contribution to world football, was ever the perfect gentleman and taught and charmed his young charges in both Melbourne and Sydney.

There is nothing that Australian soccer can do to prevent Best from turning up in Australia again.

But it would more than surprise if Millen had anything to do with a tour by his old Irish colleague ever again.

And on top of that there are the 1990 tour finances to be finalised.

After two blighted tours, even if Best could finance arrangements himself, we believe it would be interesting indeed to see which sporting organisations would be prepared to take the risk of engaging him.

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Fareical postponements

BY FRANK SCOLLINA

The ease with which QNSL fixtures are postponed at the drop of a hat because of wet weather is fast becoming an irritating and far from funny joke.

Heavy grounds, as long as they don't present irresponsible danger to players, are part and parcel of the game as can be seen from the mud, slush and at times icy conditions in which matches are sometimes played overseas.

Some of our clubs however, seem to take the view that unless conditions are near to perfect they should call off the game.

This appalling situation becomes even worse when cancellations are made at the last minute with fans already on their way to the ground.

It's almost unforgivable to treat the paying public with such contempt but there has been more than one example of clubs taking advantage of the slightest excuse to postpone matches in which leading players had been either injured or suspended.

These clubs will naturally plead innocence by claiming that the final decision is left to match officials after making a pitch inspection but very little persuasion, if indeed not pressure, is required to convince them that the pitch is unplayable.

So far this season the problem has not been as bad as it was last year when Sydney was hit with a prolonged deluge but even then, matches which could have gone ahead were needlessly cancelled.

It's now apparent that nothing has been learned from that experience with the same attitude still prevailing.

The problem is further compounded with the wheeling and dealing that goes on when a suitable date for re-scheduling a match has to be found.

Instead of settling on the first available opportunity, priority is given to gaining the best possible advantage of the situation.

A standing QNSL directive which requires washed out matches to be played within a fortnight is blatantly being ignored.

Of the six postponements in Sydney so far, only the Wollongong City match against Apia went ahead within the prescribed time.

Cup commitments prevented some others from taking place but the postponed Marconi clash with Blacktown was allowed to drag on for nearly four weeks

before a suitable date was agreed upon.

This fixture was originally scheduled for February 3 and could have easily been rearranged for the following Wednesday or the week after.

Neither club was involved in cup matches, yet both dates were allowed to go to waste.

Marconi, meanwhile, got caught up in another postponement when the match against St George was cancelled less than two hours before kick-off, leaving it with two catch-up games to clear the deck.

There really is no need for all this confusion.

The rule on postponed matches can simply be revised to automatically have them played on the following Wednesday night or the first one available after that — no arguing between clubs and no waiting for a decision to be reached.

Providing there's no previously arranged cup commitment — and there's usually very few — the backlog can be cleared up in a matter of three or four days with the minimum of fuss.

If certain grounds



lack suitable lights for playing at night, shift the game to one that has

Any claims of difficulties raised by teams having to travel interstate midweek at short notice do not represent an insurmountable hurdle and can be overcome.

A strong lead has got to be taken.

Who knows, if clubs are forced to play their postponed games almost immediately we may see far fewer matches called off for the slightest excuse.

[The rigid policy in most of Europe is to stage postponed matches within two weeks of their cancellations. There are no ifs or buts, that's the firm rule — Ed.]

ELRICK LEAVES

NEWCASTLE's New Zealand midfielder Mark Elrick will not be rejoining the NSW League club this season.

The 22-year-old has decided instead to play a season in New Zealand and try and reclaim a place in the All Whites side.

Elrick, now working in an Auckland clothing store, has signed for NZ National League side North Shore United.

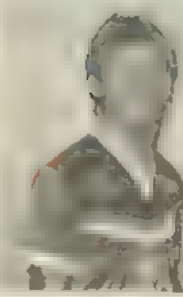
"I enjoyed my time with Newcastle, but I'll have to admit it did not do my international prospects any good," he said.

"It's fine if you are in the Australian National League, but anything below that and the New Zealand selectors quickly forget about you."

— GRAHAM COOKE



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Lee Sterrey

LEE STERREY, the former Blacktown City utility defender, believes he has been priced out of the game after his club listed him for transfer at \$8,000.

Sterrey, aged 28, and with over 130 NSL games under his belt with Marconi and Blacktown, also wants to get involved in coaching at a later date, but for now will appeal against the figure.

"Considering Blacktown City paid Marconi only \$4,000 for me, I feel the transfer is too much."

NSW State League side, Canterbury Marickville Olympic, has recently expressed some interest in Sterrey but stated they were not prepared to pay \$8,000 for him.

Blacktown City paid Sterrey's contract up before new coach Tony Henderson took over the team.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

WALES MATCH OFF

THE proposed one-match visit by the Welsh national team in June has been called off, the Welsh being unable to guarantee the presence of their top English professionals (Ian Rush, Mark Hughes, Neville Southall, Kevin Ratcliffe).

The ASF will now try to bring out top Chilean side Colo Colo.

It is high time the ASF started planning tours of Australia months in advance.

That's the practice in Europe where every association has its national team's schedule arranged eight to 12 months before the event. The same applies to all the top club teams.

Unless we start doing likewise, Australia will seldom attract meaningful international opposition.

— LOU GAUTIER

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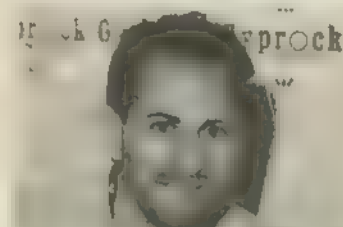
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Australian Institute of Sport — what gives?

BY MIKE JOHNSON

ALONG with many other people I have long assumed that the soccer section of the Australian Institute of Sport was a big plus for our soccer.

Not so, according to some involved in the soccer coaching scene in Australia.

They claim the AIS soccer facilities in Canberra are not being put to best use.

They said soccer gives its AIS students only 10 hours of soccer tuition per week while basketball gave its AIS students 35 hours tuition per week.

They said that 9 to 5 office hours ruled the routine for soccer at the AIS.

That this was an Eng-

lish tradition favoured by the English coaches who have been in charge there.

The claim was made that soccer students are lucky to get 3 x 1½ hours of work per week training exclusively for soccer, the balance of the 10 hours being made up with weight training.

There are two outdoor soccer pitches and two shooting ranges available to soccer at the AIS, plus an artificial turf pitch and an indoor arena.

Apart from criticising the under-use of these first-class facilities, there was also criticism of the methods used to select soccer students for the Institute.

The soccer students



RON SMITH

are aged usually 17 when they enter the Institute, most often via the under 17 state youth teams.

NSW is by far the most populous soccer state in the country. It also provides at least 40% of the players in Australia.

It is also the most successful state in the state youth championships.

Yet surprisingly this year NSW only had three players selected for the AIS out of the best 22 15-17 year-old soccer players in the country.

It is also claimed that a closed shop exists when choosing coaches for the Australian Institute of Sport's soccer section.

There is animosity about a (job for the boys) situation at the AIS which, it was claimed, favoured coaches with an English accent.

Until recently, Gary Cole, an Englishman, was assistant to AIS Soccer Director Ron

Smith, another Brit who himself was formerly assistant to another Pom, the original AIS coach, Jimmy Shoulder, who was recommended for the job by National Director, Eric Worthington — who you've guessed it, is another Pom.

Gary Cole left the AIS some time ago.

His job was only briefly advertised.

It is expected to be filled with another of 'the boys', according to my sources.

The AIS is not subject to any outside direction except from the Commonwealth Government.

But it is disturbing to hear claims that soccer is not getting value from the Australian Institute of Sport, in comparison to other sporting groups at the Institute.

Ron Smith will have his own opinion on that and possibly would like to air them in this newspaper.

Meanwhile, here is a copy of an article commenting on the advert



for Gary Cole's old job. It was published in a coaching magazine called 'Coaching Overview'.

The advertisement for the assistant coaching job at the AIS has caused a stir in coaching circles.

Some were surprised the ad only appeared in The Australian but that makes sense since it is the national newspaper.

Everyone was surprised that the required qualifications were stated as being Level 2.

Surely Level 3 should have been the required standard considering the lads to be coached are supposedly the best in the country.

A cynic or two have suggested that the AIS may already have someone in mind for the job who exactly fits the stated requirements.

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An untimely loss



AULDEN BROWN

IT is with deep regret that we report the passing of former NSW Soccer Federation secretary Aulden Brown following a serious illness last Thursday at the age of 68.

Mr Brown served in his position for 24 years, and impressed all who came in contact with him due to his tremendous dedication to the game, his eye for detail as well as his unfailing honesty of purpose.

In his early days he was president of the Northern Suburbs SFA and of Lane Cove United SFC.

Prior to his fulltime soccer appointment, Mr Brown was a planning officer in the

NSW Department of Railways.

After moving through local ranks he became a regular NSW State League referee.

On behalf of his many friends we convey deep condolences to Mrs Helen Brown as well as to her daughter Mrs Sandra Misner who has followed in her father's footsteps and has been the expert in competition fixtures at the NSW Federation office.

DAVID MITCHELL has been released by Chelsea to play for the next three months in the Hong Kong professional league.

Former Socceroo Robbie Dunn, now based in Western Australia, is also enjoying a stint in Hong Kong. Another Australian there, also from WA, is Norrie Sutton.

JIM PATIKAS has now scored 20 goals in the Greek First Division since leaving Australia four seasons ago to link up with AEK.

He scored five goals in 1987 and 1988, only one in 1989, but has nine already this season.

YOU can't keep a good man down. Despite being rushed to hospital for a finger operation, ace Socceroo midfielder Mike Petersen is back on deck — sporting an arm and hand in plaster.

They make them tough at South Melbourne . . .

Mitre is the new sponsor of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

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for the end of season Gold Cup, played between the four NSL clubs and the four top Super League clubs.

Mitre products will be endorsed with the VSF logo as the Federation's official merchandise.

MORWELL Falcons striker Darko Basara is back in Melbourne, this time to join St Albans.

He was here last season on a visitor's visa, but unhappy at not being a first team regular at Morwell he went home in disgust.

TEENAGE defender Damian Counter looks a player to watch from Adelaide Hellas. He has impressed coach Brian Garvey in pre-season Ampol Cup fixtures and could cement a NSL place before this season's out.

PRODUCER-actor Harry Michaels, ABC-TV boss David Hill and SBS-TV board member Charlie Perkins have become star attractions on the celebrity soccer circuit in Sydney (they'll play a Sydney v Melbourne match later in the year) and 'are tops', according to George Best.

Best says he has

played hundreds of charity celebrity games around the world.

"But it's more fun when playing guys like Harry, David and Charlie . . . they really know what what they are doing. Just as well they don't train," he mused in Sydney recently.

The Sydney Daily Mirror has been advertising a "dream trip" readers can win to their favourite overseas sporting events an admirable promotion, which includes a trip to Wembley for the FA Cup final. Soccer fans, who read the Mirror, would no doubt have preferred a trip to Italy for the World Cup final. Another example of cultural cringe?

Roberto Vieri's coaching job at Brunswick Juventus may be on the line following the resignation of president Joe Mirabella. Vieri is believed to be by far the highest paid coach in the Victorian Super League.

CRAIG Johnston won't consider a comeback with Liverpool despite the club's peace offering last week.

The Reds have buried the hatchet after being miffed at Johnston's sudden decision to retire and return to Australia on the eve of the 1988 FA Cup final.

Johnston says he is flattered, but claims he is in no shape to consider a return to the tough grind of English football.

He is off to Europe this week on business and plans to visit Liverpool during the trip.

SOCCER will fall in line with other Australian football codes with the introduction of random drug tests in the next fortnight.

Rugby league introduced such tests in 1988 and Australian rules will do so this season.

It is unlikely any QNSL players will test positive. Only a handful of soccer players around the world have tested positive as very few drugs are capable of enhancing a footballer's performance to any great extent.

APIA have not agreed to Blacktown City's request for goalkeeper Brett Hughes, a former Young Socceroo. Coach Manfred

Schaefer rates Hughes very highly and needs him to stand in for first choice custodian Tony Pezzano.

The NSL is expected to replace Stefan Kamasz with a full-time marketing and promotions man some time this year. Kamasz, now engaged on a retainer, has been given \$170,000 for marketing and promoting the league — nowhere near enough. The new officer will work out of the NSL's new Rockdale premises.

There is little doubt that Manis Lamond is one of the in-form players in the QNSL since coach Tony Vrzina took over the reins at Sydney Croatia.

After a disappointing 1989 season, plagued by injuries, Lamond is now his team's most creative striker, setting up chances with magnificent passes as well as scoring himself.

Welcome back, Manis!

DID you know that John Santa Isabel is the youngest referee in the National Soccer League?

The Melbourne bank manager is 36 years old and has been refereeing without interruption for the past 13 months.

A raise for QNSL referees may be in order. They now earn \$2000 per game.

ALAN Davidson has a sure-fire formula to make a success of the NSL Cup. In his column in the Melbourne SUNDAY SUN, "Davo" suggests the 12 NSL clubs should each put up \$10,000 as prize money. With \$140,000 to play for, just watch the interest in the now moribund series . . .

GERRY GOMEZ has settled back at Marconi after a trip to his native Costa Rica.

Gomez is hoping against hope he will gain selection in the Costa Rican World Cup squad despite only playing once in front of Costa Rican supremo Mervin Rodriguez during his month-long visit there.

JEAN-PAUL de Marigny became only the second Marconi player to be sent off when he got his marching orders in the game against Melbourne Croatia at Somers Street.

"We are very proud of Marconi's record with referees," said

coach Berti Mariani, who pointed out his team had won last year's Preston Fair Play Award.

What, incidentally, has happened to that particular prize this season?

The Krslovic household is a household divided. Krslovic senior is a Sydney Croatia fan, but talented son Tony plays for St George — and is the club's leading scorer this season.

Tony is about to complete his business degree, after which he may join dad in the building industry.

MELBOURNE Croatia have knocked back an offer by Preston for striker Ivan Kelic. The player was keen to be transferred but the club wouldn't hear of it.

PRESTON coach Ijubo Jancev remains confident his team will stage a strong finish in the QNSL following the return of Socceroo midfielder Oscar Crino and Steve Smith's current scoring touch.

The reason for the cancellation of crack coach Wiel Coerver's planned tour of Australia in April and May was his contractual obligation to remain in Europe to complete a new set of coaching videos before the start of the World Cup finals.

Coerver, however, has assured his many Australian fans that he will visit later this year.

GRAHAM Arnold tips Adelaide City to win the inaugural QNSL summer season.

Though the South Australians had to concede a draw at Edensor Park two weeks ago, Arnie raved about them.

"They are definitely my tip for the title," he says. "I have no hesitation stating they are the best team in the league."

WHILE on the subject of Sydney Croatia, who have now caught fire under coach Tony Vrzina, their fans swear that it's goalkeeper Tony Franken who has turned the club's fortunes around.

Their side's new confidence stems from the brilliant displays of Franken, now in sizzling form after a long lay-off due to knee reconstruction.

Croatia fans are convinced the big fellow will be staking a strong claim for inclusion in



Ace Melita Eagles striker Greg Brown. Where would his team be without his bagful of goals? — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

the Socceroo team later this year.

IT was a case of deja vu for Jason Bennett when he starred in Sydney Olympic's Cup win against Melita Eagles. The talented striker had made a similar impact in the series last season when then coach Eddie Thomson fielded what was virtually a second-string side in the games leading up to the final which Olympic eventually lost to Adelaide City.

TALENTED Melbourne JUST goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic, on his day one of Australia's most spectacular custodians, claims the club owes him money and he is training with Fawcner.

SUMMER soccer is sizzling in SA and Adelaide City fans have given it a massive seal of approval.

Home attendances this season have shown a 250 per cent increase on the corresponding figures for last year.

No fewer than 46,206 paying fans have attended City's nine home Quilt National Soccer League games so far.

That compares with 18,513 from the same period of last winter season. City's biggest home crowd of the season came with the

10,568 paying spectators who witnessed the thrilling derby with Hellas.

City's smallest crowd so far, the 2712 who attended the opening home game against Melita Eagles, was bigger than last season's largest (2669).

Hellas figures are not included as there were no comparative totals from last year when the club was in the State League, but Hellas so far also has attracted larger crowds than City's last year total.

City president Charlie Caruso said overall there was no doubt summer soccer had been a success and was here to stay. But he warned clubs and the League not to rest on their laurels.

"We do not want a repeat of 1977," he said. "The National League started then and crowds were booming but everyone did not build on that properly and attendance figures dropped off."

"Clubs now have to get off their bums and the league must give direction on what we all should do in promotion and marketing to keep up the impetus."

CORRECTION: The caption to our photo on Page 9 last week was incorrect. The coach shown was Andon Doncevski, not Ian Raznjevic.



Monaro takes shape

THE next few days will see Inter Monaro's NSW League squad take shape, coach Harry Williams says.

"The time has come for those players who have been training with us to come to a decision on where their future lies," he said.

"I have penciled in a squad and will be talking to each potential member individually."

Even though contracts have yet to be signed, Williams has come a long way from the earliest training sessions when up to 40 hopefuls were trying out.

"I have got that down to 23 and I will have to weed it further to 17," he said.

In many ways my job is not so difficult as I have a reasonable knowledge of most of the players involved. The person who really has problems is the youth team coach, Tony Brennan, who is dealing with a lot of people he has never seen before.

"And he can't complete his squad until he knows who I need."

Among those players training regularly with Monaro are former Canberra City sweeper and player coach Steve Bryant and experienced goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski.

Another goalkeeper, Dennis Maricic, together with brother Emil, last year's leading scorer for Croatia Deakin in the ACT League, have also been putting in appearances at the Marco Polo Ground.

Losses include sweeper John Santolin, likely to link with former Monaro coach Walter Valeri at ACT First Division club Juventus, and full-back Toplica Popovich.

Ross Tasker, hero then the villain

ROSS Tasker provided the spadework for an opening goal for Sutherland at Barrack Park, but managed to err a minute later, allowing Inter Monaro to snap the equaliser in an entertaining 1-1 draw last Sunday afternoon.

He beat a couple of defenders on the left flank in the 14th minute before placing his cross at the feet of Jimmy



John Kosmina

Webber who wasted no time in planting his shot wide of Hoszowski.

Only a minute later Tasker's attempted

backpass to his keeper did not have the 'desired weight' and was intercepted by the ever-alert Sebastian Giampaolo for the equaliser.

For the rest of the match, Sutherland appeared to have an edge over the Ocean-beyan side but failed to convert its openings, while Giampaolo had the best chance for Inter Monaro but could not find the net with his header from close range.

John Kosmina, John O'Shea and Jimmy Webber, all ex-NSL players, have certainly given Sutherland a more formidable look and their coach, Bill Rigby, was more than satisfied with their first-up performance in the light blue colours of Sutherland Shire.

Inter Monaro has lost Toplica Popovic from its 1989 line-up, but appear to have more than compensated with the purchase of Steve Bryant.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE: Nofke, Biscaya, Seller, Ensor, Webber, O'Shea, Hutcheon, Tasker, Kosmina, Christodolou, Rooke.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, Arthur, Grasske, Ambrosino, Bryant, Djordjevic, Carbone, Popovic, Alchin, Giampaolo, Jenks.

Fletcher forces a late 2-2 draw

GRAEME Fletcher netted in the dying seconds of the match at Barrack Park to give Wollongong Macedonia its hard earned point against the newly promoted Sydney Macedonia last Sunday afternoon but the 2-2 result flattered the highly fancied Wollongong Macedonia.

During the opening 40 minutes, Sydney Macedonia made all the play and looked in superb touch, with Scott Gilbert netting in the 15th to give them a one goal advantage.

Mark Reveley's throughball saw Gilbert race past a bewildered defence before slotting his shot into the net.

The visitors from Sydney continued to dominate the early exchanges in the second half and were rewarded in the 58th minute following some quick passing by their forwards.

George Fernandez spotted Theo Kotstas, who exchanged the simplest of one-two passes before chipping the goalkeeper for a 2-0 scoreline.

But the visitors could not sustain their play.

After appearing in the semifinal of the SBS-TV Cup on Friday

night, then the final on Saturday, there was hardly anything left in their feet in the 1st 20 minutes and Paul Kay after 70 minutes, from a free-kick, and Graeme Fletcher, in the 88th, saved face for Wollongong Macedonia.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Young, Cavanah, Shaw, Galloway, Bouris, Kay, Sandy, Cabassi, Caban, Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avelino, Souris, Krkovski, Reveley, Pliovski, Vrtkovski, Kotsias, Fernandez, Gilbert, Spirovski, Genovese.

TABLE

GROUP A:

1. Newcastle.....	1	0	1	1	2-1	2
2. Avala.....	1	0	1	0	2-2	1
3. Freshwater.....	1	0	1	0	2-2	1
4. Canterbury.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	1
5. North Shore.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	1
6. Polonia.....	1	0	0	1	1-2	1

GROUP B:

1. Macedonia S.....	1	0	1	0	2-2	1
2. Macedonia W.....	1	0	1	0	2-2	1
3. Sutherland.....	1	0	1	0	1-1	1
4. Inter Monaro.....	1	0	1	0	1-1	1
5. Canberra Croatia.....	1	0	1	0	1-1	1

Burin Zajmi back!

BURIN Zajmi came back from retirement for the last two seasons to stake his claim for a spot in the Canterbury Marrickville line-up as the Berries struggled to a 0-0 draw with North Shore United in the pre-season round-robin at Knight Park last Saturday.

Canterbury failed to take both points but will be quite satisfied with their first-up performance and a number of new faces in their side.

Burin Zajmi struggled for pace and tired badly as he trooped off the park in the 50th minute to be replaced by Peter Benitis, but

he showed that his touches of class are going to be decisive in 1990.

Steve Watson, one of Australia's best goalkeepers, demonstrated that goals are not going to be easy to score against the Berries. He was at his best to save a superb drive by Glen Jeffery after only seven minutes to keep his team in the game.

Craig Bass, the North Shore striker, looked in disbelief as Watson snapped at a header from point-blank range in the 22nd minute, making it look so easy when so many others would have given that one away.

Sweetly struck by Bass, the ball appeared to go well wide of Watson but he

guessed well before the shot and was already moving the right way to make the save look easy.

Craig Hill, who moved to Canterbury from Sutherland, and Branko Radman, a 19-year-old from the juniors, are certainly going to add some youthful enthusiasm to the side.

The game, played at a fair pace for so early in the season, never reached great heights and few opportunities were created.

CANTERBURY: Watson, Gdolk, Hantzis, J. Radman, Papoythis, Zajmi (Benitis), B. Radman (Divljak), Kalogeris, Oustambasidis, Hill, Dounis.

NORTH SHORE UNITED: Bennell, Gillan, Gough, Pearce, McCall, Norman, Bennett, Ferguson, Hunter, Bass, Jeffery.

Avala misses heaps



VINCE NASTOSKI

AVALA failed to capitalise on numerous opportunities and in the end had to fight hard to take one point from its NSW State League Division 1 round-robin tournament match with Warringah Freshwater at Knight Park last Saturday.

The 2-2 scoreline certainly flattered an out of condition Warringah side.

Both teams missed some key players with Steve Knight, Alan Dean and Dragan Pupovac (all ex-Warringah) now playing in the National League while Mirko Radosavljevic was injured and could not return to State League football with Avala.

Avala opened brightly and looked to be in control during the opening 20 minutes. An opening to Misha Radovic in the fourth minute saw the Avala fullback blast his shot over the bar. Then Konstantin Dragomirescu missed a minute later following a cross from Radovic, but yet again the header sailed over the bar. John McKie was sent clear by Steve Berry in the 10th minute but he blasted his shot wide.

Freshwater came back through an enterprising Ayden Grimes who flicked his cross into the path of Jim McBreen and the ex-Avala striker had no trouble heading wide of Woodhouse.

Then came Dominic Giannone with a couple of bursts which saw the Avala defence crumble like a pack of playing cards. Giannone faced Woodhouse in the 27th minute but failed to score despite the rebound which gave him a second chance.

He was through again in the 30th and Woodhouse blocked his first effort yet again, but this time Giannone followed through to score.

Two goals down, Avala introduced George Athanasi for Constantin Dragomirescu and its new signing Toplica Popovic for Vince Nastoski.

But the woes of near-misses continued for Avala despite complete territorial advan-

tage and some clear-cut chances being created.

Steve Berry missed with a header in the 51st and Radovic raced around Pasalic but failed to find the net with only the Warringah keeper to beat in the 61st.

Only two minutes later Steve Meades could not find a way, past Mikulitic, and Radovic missed from right in front following a rebound.

Radovic was in the clear in the 63rd minute as Popovic's cross sailed into the area, but the Avala forward's header went inches over the bar.

At long last another foray by Radovic but his shot was parried by Mikulitic and back to Athanasi who slammed it into the net.

Toplica Popovic followed up with misses in the 69th, 73rd and 79th minutes, the last one being cleared by Ross Etherington off his line.

Warringah was tiring badly in the closing stages but with Avala missing easy chances it looked as if the side from the northern beaches would take the points.

But with only a few minutes left, Athanasi crossed and McKie was at his brilliant best at the far post to nod the ball under the crossbar for the equaliser.

AVALA: Woodhouse, Meades, Radovic, Ashton, Wilson, Radic, Berry, Benitez, McKie, Nastoski (Popovic), Dragomirescu (Athanasi). **WARRINGAH:** Mikulitic, Pasalic, Stacey, Etherington, Glascock, DeCeglie, Giannone (Pillemer), Masi (Rupert), McBreen, Grimes, Lombardo.

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 ROUND-ROBIN

SECOND ROUND Saturday, March 3 Group A

North Shore United v Warringah Freshwater — Knight Park 2.30pm
Avala v Polonia — Knight Park 4.30pm

Group B

Inter Monaro v Canberra Croatia — Marco Polo 4pm
Sutherland Shire v Wollongong Macedonia — Seymour Shaw 4pm

— Sydney Macedonia bye

Sunday, March 4

Newcastle BHP Austral v Canterbury M'ville — Austral Park 12 noon

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NSW Second Division kicks off at weekend

BY PAUL GOODWIN

SUMMER is far from over but the NSW Second Division is already gearing up for a big year with a particular wish that the wet weather which spoiled last season's contest stays away.

With Sydney Macedonia and North Shore United promoted, Bankstown and Bathurst relegated and Fairy Meadow having folded, there will be five new clubs and all of them should make a huge contribution in their initial campaign.

The three Portuguese-supported sides will bring along huge support to their matches and I'm going to stick my neck out now and predict a Dulwich Hill premiership win. Pretty dangerous that, as Madeira's defence has been known to spring a few leaks, but the massive budget and sheer quality of their attacking players should more than compensate for any such frailties.

Dennis Duarte is back in the fold after his exciting scoring exploits with Granville-Chile last term and he can expect good support from Nelo Borges and Carlos Javier Pou, a winger from Uruguay.

New assistant coach Luiz de Melo, an ex-Flamengo, Brazil, player has been instrumental in getting the team super-fit.

Madaira should have too many guns for Yugal at Cawarra Park on Saturday.

Yugal are, in fact, now to be known as Auburn Yugal and have a good relationship with the local community.

Joe Alagich is the new Director of Sport and policeman Doug McKenzie the new skipper of a side which can never be underestimated, but is usually a slow starter.

The long established club expects to have a new base this year which will be ready for use within a few weeks.

Newcomers Peter sham Lusitanos are tipped to beat Granville-Chile at Garside Park on the strength of their close team understanding and Granville's reduced playing strength.

In addition, Granville are also slow starters and new coach Manuel Del Nido, who worked with Duarte last year, will have a big task in what promises to be a very strong, but even, competition.

Orange-Waratah had a great start to 1989, but fell away in mid-season and are confident of improving on their 13th place debut performance. Former Irish winger Ron Davison has returned after a period



WAYNE FARNWORTH (right) — new coach of Mt Drutt

in Sydney and an English Second Division player is expected to link up with the club in the near future.

A gutsy team, Waratahs are going to be very hard to beat, particularly at home, and should get off to a good start with a win against Manly-Warringah.

Their opponents have a solid base from last season on which to build for 1990 and like so many other teams believe that they are capable of finishing right up with the leaders.

Some very good local youngsters are expected to break into first grade where they will join experienced players such as Tom Gavin, Peter Falconer and Bobby Geoghegan.

Manly are a plucky side who should upset many of the fancied teams once they get into their rhythm.

The remaining four matches in Round One could well finish all square with risk-taking at a premium at this early stage.

Central Coast has improved dramatically in recent seasons under highly rated coach Jim Foley but is very much an unknown quantity at this level.

Campbelltown will have to take the game to them and the visitors at Bensley Road might do enough to share the spoils. The Vikings are stronger in a number of departments, despite the loss of Peter Treacey and Tony Avellino, but Gary Hatton, Richard Celarc and the expected signing of Ray Carney will bring a wealth of experience to the team which should see it perform to its full potential.

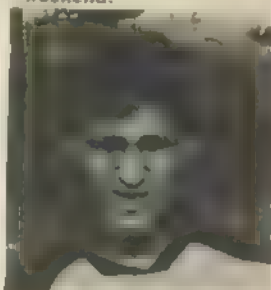
Three home games to start the season can be

things off at the brand-new Christie Park with a game against Third Division premiers Rosebery and although neither side will like the idea, a draw seems highly likely.

Gladesville have the added bonus of a healthy sponsorship from Mitre 10 and have had considerable help with their fencing too, Boral Cyclone doing the honours for 'The Bears'.

An even stronger Gladesville-Hornsby will prove a hard nut for the Portuguese club from Southern Sydney whose coach, Kelly Cross, has been building a side in recent seasons that the most demanding supporters can be proud of.

Waverley, to play in a brand-new red, white and blue strip supplied courtesy of the Tango sportswear company from now and under the new name of 'the Lions', have a similar squad to last term and come up against Wayne Farnworth's Mount Drutt side this weekend.



TONY AVELLINO — the Vikings will feel his absence.

The Western Sydney side have been training hard, commando style out Maroubra way and should lack nothing by way of fitness. This is another game which could go either way and points may well be shared.

Dulwich Hill are favourites for the title after running third last year and Petersham Lusitanos and Fairfield are the teams likely to push them hardest.

Southern Districts and Rosebery are going to take a while to adjust to the higher standard but should be right up there too, while Gladesville and Manly are always good dark horse material.

Central Coast and Campbelltown should give steady showings and will be keenly watched, but Granville-Chile are unlikely to match their achievements of the past three seasons.

Mount Drutt Waverley and Yugal have made few waves during the off-season, but could surprise

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the proposed matches in Brisbane and Townsville in May.

The OSF also hopes to revive the South Pacific Cup tournament, which was played in Auckland for the first time three years ago. The OSF had hoped to stage the cup in 1988 but Expo in Brisbane made it impossible to get sufficient accommodation for the teams from Auckland, New Caledonia and Tahiti.

Queensland has had to campaign doggedly in recent seasons to keep the interstate series alive and hit on a winner last season with the State of Origin match won 3-2 by New South Wales.

NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine has suggested for the past three years that the match should be extended to a home-and-away series, although that has never eventuated with the OSF struggling to get even one date clear for a full-strength interstate game.

Dann is confident it will be different this season without the competition from the ONSL.

June 10 (Brisbane) and July 1 (Sydney) are the proposed dates for this year's two-legged state of origin game.

In a further addition to the OSF representative programme, an invitation has been extended to the national youth team to play the Maroons on their way to Papua New Guinea before the Oceania region play-offs for the World Youth Championships.

"We are very excited about our programme this season and I think there are a lot of incentives for players as well as many highlights for the fans," Dann said.

FIFA SILENT ON WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE Oceania Women's Football Confederation has still not received information from FIFA on how the region's World Cup qualifying competition is to be conducted, OWFC president Elaine Watson said.

"We realise that FIFA will operate through the Oceania men's confederation and we have no objection to that as long as we have some say as to the format and the rules under which the competition will operate," she said in Canberra.

"I would prefer to be in a position to be able to put submissions now rather than facing a fight to get changes later."

"One thing I will be suggesting is that the competition be limited to OWFC financial members, which are Australia, New Zealand and Papua-New Guinea."

Watson, who is a past president of the Australian Women's Soccer Association and its current finance officer, as well as being a life member of the Queensland Soccer Federation, said she also wanted to clarify funding arrangements for the qualifying stages.

"As I understand it FIFA would only consider supporting the expenses of travelling countries."

"Obviously that does not encourage Australia to put up a proposal to stage a tournament."

"Time is getting short. The World Cup finals will be held in China in November

1991 and I am sure FIFA will want all the qualifiers to be known by the end of this year."

Jim Selby (Queensland) has been appointed national under 18 coach with Victorian Mick Hoar in charge of the under 16s.

Neither squad has a tour planned for this year but both will take part in training camps at the Australian Institute of Sport.

And the senior squad will go into the AIS at Easter as part of its World Cup preparations. Players will take a level two coaching examination, undergo fitness testing and play games against the AIS National Youth League squad.

Two squad members Julie Murray (ACT) and Carol Vinson (NSW) began training with Danish club Fortuna on February 4.

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NSW DIV 2 DRAW

ROUND 1 3RD/4TH MARCH

Campbelltown Vik. v Central Coast	***Sat
Orange Waratahs v Manly Warringah	**Sat
Granville Chile v Petersham	Sun
Rosebery v Gladesville H by	*Sat
SSC Yugal v Dulwich Hill	Sun
Southern District v Fairfield City	#Sun
Mt Drutt Town v Waverley	Sun

Note: *** 4pm & 6pm Kick off * 2pm & 4pm Kick off
 ** 6pm & 8pm Kick off # 3pm & 5pm Kick off

ROUND 2 10TH/11TH MARCH

Campbelltown Vik. v Dulwich Hill	***Sat
Central Coast v Waverley	**Sat
Granville Chile v Rosebery	**Sat
Fairfield City v SSC Yugal	Sun
Southern District v Gladesville H by	Sun
Mt Drutt Town v Orange Waratahs	Sun
Manly Warringah v Petersham	Sun

Note: *** 4pm & 6pm Kick off
 ** 6pm & 8pm Kick off

ROUND 3 17TH/18TH MARCH

Campbelltown Vik. v Fairfield City	***Sat
Central Coast v Dulwich Hill	**Sat
Orange Waratahs v Waverley	**Sat
SSC Yugal v Gladesville H by	Sat
Southern District v Granville Chile	Sun
Rosebery v Manly Warringah	Sun
Mt Drutt Town v Petersham	Sun

Note: *** 4pm & 6pm Kick off
 ** 6pm & 8pm Kick off

ROUND 4 24TH/25TH MARCH

Orange Waratahs v Petersham	**Sat
Granville Chile v SSC Yugal	**Sat
Gladesville H by v Campbelltown Vik.	Sun
Fairfield City v Central Coast	Sun
Dulwich Hill v Waverley	Sun
Manly Warringah v Southern District	Sun
Mt Drutt Town v Rosebery	Sun

ROUND 5 30TH/31ST MARCH/1ST APRIL

Waverley v Petersham	#Fri
Central Coast v Gladesville H by	**Sat
Campbelltown Vik. v Granville Chile	Sun
Dulwich Hill v Fairfield City	Sun
SSC Yugal v Manly Warringah	Sun
Southern District v Mt Drutt Town	Sun
Rosebery v Orange Waratahs	Sun

Note: # 6 15pm & 8 15pm
 ** 6pm & 8pm

Blacktown City supreme in the Youth League North

BY DAVID COOPER

A welcome return from injury by Blacktown striker Laurie McKinna helped the home team to a 3-0 win over Wollongong in their youth league match played at Gabbie Stadium Saturday evening.

McKinna was threatening throughout the match, beating the plucky Wollongong defence on a number of occasions. He was rewarded in the 28th minute with a goal through a great individual effort starting down the left midway into the Wollongong

half. He took the ball beat one defender and slotted home past the advancing keeper.

Blacktown in the second half were impressive developing good attacking raids through the centre but they also couldn't finish on the last pass.

Suman, however, in the 71st minute capitalised on a Wollongong defensive mistake and chipped the keeper to put the issue beyond doubt.

Finally with two minutes to go Suman got his second after a clever build-up through centre field saw McCandle receive a deft pass from Bourke. McCandle simply sent the ball on to the unmarked Suman who slotted the ball from 12 metres.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 MELITA 1

A total of five goals in last 20 minutes saw a fairly drab game turn into an action-packed affair when Sydney Olympic defeated Melita 4-1 at St George Stadium on Sunday.

The first half saw most of the play centred in the midfield, however, both sides had their chances with both goalkeepers pulling off some good saves.

The second half saw Olympic start to dominate but they could not find the net until the 70th minute when other a scramble in the Melita box the ball found its way to Lou Triantafyllou and his shot from 10 metres gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Less than a minute later, Olympic should have been 2-0 up when they received a penalty but Triantafyllou missed from the spot.

Four minutes later Olympic went 2-0 up when Tom Pontidas out near the corner flag aimed to put a cross in but to his surprise his bullet-like cross swerved towards the goal deceiving the Melita goalkeeper and it flew into the back of the net.

In the 81st minute Tony Spyridakos took the ball down the right and his cross was met by Jason Bennett whose shot from 10 metres found the back of the net.

Then in the 87th minute Triantafyllou got his second and Olympic's fourth when he met a Bennett cross to complete Olympic's onslaught of the Melita goal.

Melita scored a consolation goal when Pinotos scored from 12 metres to give the goalkeeper no chance.

MARCONI 2 AIS 2

Marconi and the AIS played out a hard fought 2-2 draw in very muddy conditions at Marconi Stadium on Saturday night.

The AIS went ahead when Mammone for Marconi put the ball into his own net after his goalkeeper had misjudged the flight of the ball, hitting Mammone and bouncing into the net.

Marconi equalised when Mossina crossed the ball from the right where it was met by Clune who smashed the ball from about 13 metres into the AIS goal.

The AIS again took the lead when Trajarski received the ball from the middle of the park he skilfully passed two defenders and his shot beat the outstretched arms of the Marconi goalkeeper.

Marconi earned its point when Cam beat a couple of defenders, his pass found Lopez whose cross forced the goalkeeper to only parry the ball into the path of Suzor who slammed the ball into the AIS goal.

APIA 1 CROATIA 1

In a game that was centred around the midfield and neither goalkeeper rarely troubled. Apia won came through a free kick in the 22nd minute. The free kick found Nick Theodorakopoulos whose header forced a very good save from Krajovic. However the ball found its way into the path at Martincich and calmly slotted the ball away for the only goal of the game.

Bert for Apia were Dihn, Kdouh and Ryes while for Sydney Croatia Sharp, Ranic, Barisic were the best.

Geelong wins Advertiser Cup

BY ROY HAY

HOST club Geelong is the winner of the 1990 Geelong Advertiser Cup, though it required a penalty shoot-out to split Geelong and fellow Victorian Division One team, North Geelong, after a 2-2 draw at the end of normal and extra-time.

John Hrkac of North Geelong scored his 26th goal in the Advertiser Cup series since 1981 when he took a pass from Miro Stosic and rounded keeper Sean Howe in the 28th minute.

North seemed to be cruising when it took a two-goal lead with 19 minutes left to play. Sixteen-year-old substitute, Adrian Cervinski, controlled Robert Cosic's cross, and as his team-mates screamed for a pass, he picked his spot in the far corner.

Geelong's fightback began three minutes later as a corner-kick on the left bobbed around the North penalty spot

and Mel Jones nipped in to head the goal.

Con Gattanis then dummied the ball and fired in a shot which was blocked, only for Kenny Prior to force the ball over the line from close range. John Hrkac had a chance to restore North's lead but missed his kick in front of goal.

The game went to extra-time and Mirko Brandich had the ball in the net for North, but was adjudged to have used an arm in the process.

So penalties had to be used to separate the teams. Each side scored its first three, then both missed the fourth but Liam McCloskey scored Geelong's fifth and David Cervinski's penalty was saved by Sean Howe to give Geelong the cup.

In the match for third place, there was another fight-back as Bell Park recovered from a 2-0 deficit to beat Corio-Geelong United 4-3 with only a couple of minutes of extra-time to play.

Altona Gate defeated Sunshine George Cross 2-1 at Chaplin Reserve in a match postponed from 26th January.

Danny Stresnjak scored an excellent goal on the stroke of half-time, and Robert Trajkovski came on as substitute and scored with his first touch to give Altona Gate a 2-0 lead, but Mitchell Cattermole forced the ball over the line after Georgie were awarded an indirect free kick in the box.

Jimmy Dimovski had a fine match in goal keeping the Altona Gate forwards at bay, but sweeper Chris Caruana had to leave the field after injury which did not help Georgie's cause.

In an exciting match at Olympic Park, Preston Makedonia dominated for 70 minutes against South Melbourne Hellas White, taking the lead after 35 minutes through Zdravko Trajkovski. Hellas White hit back 20 minutes into the second half when Con Boutsianis found himself one-on-one with keeper Robert Petrovski for the second time in a few minutes.

On the first occasion the keeper saved, but Boutsianis made no mistake the next time. Andrew Freund hit the bar in the last minute as Hellas went chasing victory.

North Geelong pulled off a great 4-2 victory over Sunshine George Cross. Keeper Bobby Simic was almost knocked unconscious in an early attack but recovered to intercept a corner kick and throw the ball to Robbie Spehar who made ground down the wing before brought down.

Robert Cosic swung the free kick into the

centre and Miro Stosic fired the ball into the top corner. Georgie came back and George Svigos scored with a free kick.

The same player gave Georgie the lead, but as half-time approached, Josip Skoko went past two men, transferred the ball to Spehar who switched it quickly to Adrian Cervinski who calmly chipped the ball over Jimmy Dimovski in the Sunshine George Cross goal.

The second half was all North and Vlado Dzakic sent in a cross which Adrian Cervinski dummied and Miro Stosic headed it home. In the last minute a long ball forward by Robert Cosic went between two George Cross defenders and Miro Stosic reached it before the keeper to complete his hat-trick.

Geelong City did it the hard way when it went to Clifton Hill and won 4-3 in a game played in a quagmire. Brendan Lakic was tripped as he ran in one goal after 10 minutes, but picked himself up and scored with the penalty.

In the last minute of the first half Steve Fanic and Cedo Rakic combined to set up Pierre Grzybek who fired home an unstoppable shot.

Jim Maskos of Clifton Hill ran free on the left and he cut in to pull back one goal for the home team. Cedo Rakic and Brendan Lakic carved their way down the right and centred to Con Gattanis who kept his footing in the glue-pot to give City breathing space again.

Time was running out when Cedo Rakic took a long free kick from out on the right touch-line. Peter Milanovic nipped in ahead of the keeper to grab the winner.



Steve Tanic of Corio-Geelong United (all white) shows his annoyance as Donny Smythe (on ball) of Geelong robs him in the Geelong Advertiser Cup semi-final on 16 February 1990, watched by Peter McCaffrey also of Geelong. PHOTO ROY HAY.

Good win to Altona Gate

BY ROY HAY

Results

Sunshine George Cross 1 (Cattermole) Altona Gate 2 (Stresnjak, Trajkovski), Preston Makedonia 1 (Trajkovski) South Melbourne Hellas White 1 (Boutsianis), North Geelong 4 (Stosic 3, Cervinski) Sunshine George Cross 2 (Svigos 2), Clifton Hill 3 (Maskos 2, Psihontakis) Geelong City 4 (Lakic, Grzybek, Gattanis, Milanovic), Melbourne City JUST 1 (Milojkovic) Heidelberg United 1 (Nitsou), South Melbourne Hellas Blue 4 (de la Plaza 3, Kyrikis) East Richmond 3 (Daglaras 2, Kosmas), Caulfield City 0 Altona Gate 1 (Kutlesovskis).

Ladder

	P	W	D	L	A	Pts
Mel Croatia	14	13	1	0	53	12
Altona Gate	18	12	2	4	51	26
SMH-HV	17	10	3	4	32	17
Sunshine GC	18	8	4	4	37	20
Melb City JUST	17	7	4	6	44	34
Geelong City	18	8	1	7	30	37
Preston Mako	15	6	3	6	27	23
Heidelberg Utd	18	5	4	7	18	28
North Geelong	15	6	0	9	30	31
East Richmond	16	4	2	10	27	43
SMHB	15	3	2	10	29	45
Caulfield City	15	4	4	10	14	32
Clifton Hill	12	2	0	10	12	45

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MACEDONIA "A" WINS SBS-TV MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Macedonia "A" last Saturday won the first SBS-TV Multicultural Australia Soccer Championship after defeating Argentina 4-1 in the final played at St George Stadium.

For third place, Turkey beat Macedonia "B" 1-0.

The tournament was a huge sporting success although the bad weather played havoc with the scheduling.

The standard of soccer was of high quality, with many talented youngsters in evidence.

Australia, represented by the St George apprentices, showed great skills and

a promising future.

Best player of the series, selected by the panel of journalists and the referees, was Bill Pilovski of Macedonia A.

Best goalkeeper was Claudio Colombo of Argentina while the top scorer of the competition was Scott Gilbert of Macedonia A with seven goals.

LEADING PLAYERS

Bill Pilovski (Macedonia A) 14, Saso Spirovski (Macedonia A) 11, Birol Sertbas (Turkey) 8, Nelio Borges (Argentina) 6, Javier Pou (Argentina) 6, Dennis Duarte (Portugal) 6, Zaya Jeabriel (Portugal) 5, Mar Koussas (Italy) 5, Rene Colusso (Italy) 5, Tasdemir (Turkey) 5

LEADING SCORERS

Scott Gilbert (Macedonia A) 7, Nelio Borges (Argentina) 5, Saso Spirovski (Macedonia A) 4, Dennis Duarte (Portugal) 3, Jorge Cerro (Argentina) 3, John McKie (Argentina) 2, Marcos Silva (Argentina), Tasdemir (Turkey) 2, Pilovski (Macedonia A) 2, Filipovic (Macedonia A) 2.



SBS Cup winners Macedonia A.



ARGENTINA — Multicultural Cup runners-up.



BILL PILOVSKI — voted player of the series — with presenter John Warren.



Frank Dowling accepts the "Most Promising Young Player" trophy on behalf of his son, who is on St George's apprenticeship scheme.



Claudio Lombardo — voted best goalkeeper of the series.

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BY HECTOR CARRASCO

OPINION LINE

Despite his decision not to apply for the Soccerroo coaching position, Frank Arok comfortably won the readers poll on who should be our future Soccerroo coach with 21% of the vote.

Adelaide City's Zoran Matic polled second highest with 12%, and former Young Soccerroo coach Les Scheinflug third on 10%.

Other leading polling figures were: 8% Manfred Schaefer and Eddie Thomson, 7 Rale Rasic, 6% Ferenc Puskas, 4% Bert Mariani.

Not surprisingly a massive 24% had a wide range of choices, with 16% merely saying the coach should be a local.

Of locals named, yet polling less than 1% of the total vote were Gary Cole, Ivan Raznjevic and Craig Johnston.

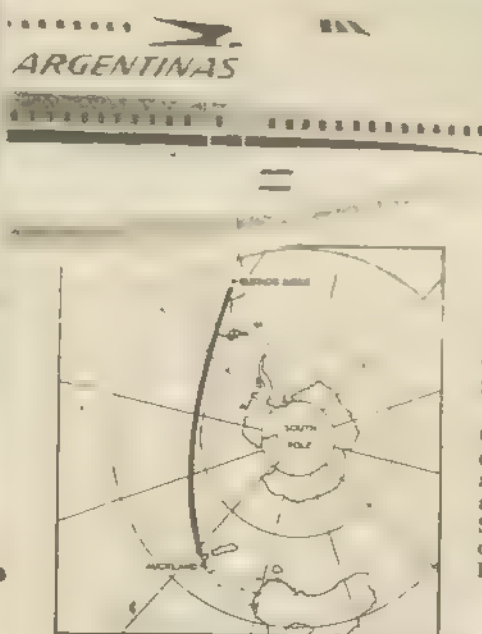
Of the 8% who felt we should appoint an overseas coach, Brian Clough and George Best were the highest pollers, yet both below 1% of the total vote. (George Best — Ed)

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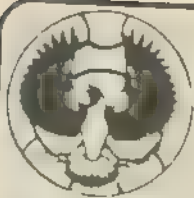
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FORMER Successors Charlie Horvath, Roger Romanowicz, John Perin and John Nyskohus were named in an Adelaide City Old Boys side which played against SA referees in a curtain-raiser for City's game with Sunshine.

Bernie Bridges but still could have a competitive season under coach Mike Kavalceni.

BRIAN Boyd has returned from Port Pirie to coach Second Division side Central District Apac.

SPECULATION is mounting that Port Adelaide United Federation side will sever ties with its amateur offshoot.

Port player Con Kapnistis wants to move to Asteras and wants the Transfer Appeals Tribunal to adjudicate on his fee.

BLACKWOOD has continued its squad development by signing Scotsman Bill Stenhouse.

He joins former Kiwi international Glen Dods, Charlie Lamont, Bep De Vries, Ron McLeod, Chris Leyland and Ken Olsson as new faces in the Hillside's line-up.

The club also may fix up an exciting young player from Zambia.

SALISBURY will be nobody's pushover this season despite the loss of Carl Veart, Michael Brooks, Brian Gale and now Sean Greaves.

Midfielder Greaves will leave, after just two Foundation State League games, to marry in England.

But Berry clubmen are enthusiastic about the way the club's youngsters are blending together and responding to the challenge.

Young striker Paul Simmons, who bagged two goals in a trial win over Modbury, looks a real prospect and the Bernies will be boosted by John Slade returning to training in 10 days after surgery.

USC Lion has dropped the Grange tag from its name this year.

The Ukrainian-based side has lost top players Charlie Stewart and

BIRKALLA Eagles coach Neil McGachey took an unusual approach in preparation for the Ampol Cup final against Croatia.

He gave his players the week off training. The club has welcomed back young James Tambakis from Sydney.

REFEREES in SA have started a push for new members. Coaching director Bill Hosie starts a course this week to introduce new men in black.

YOUNG Jason Lakatos has settled in well to Euroscian youth coaching programme developed by Adelaide City.

In the scheme, a young player is taken under the wing of a senior City player for a month. The youngster trains with the NSL squad and experiences the atmosphere in the dressing room at home games.

Lakatos, 14, has been looked after by City skipper Sergio Melia who sees him as a good prospect.

ADELAIDE City has joined the champions with its sponsorship from Beiersdorf Australia Ltd.

The major supplier of sports bandages and medicines backs the Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games teams.

World champion boxer Jeff Fenech and Auckland gold medal-winning athlete Darren Clark use Beiersdorf's products.



Hectic action in the goalmouth during the recent QNSL clash at Hindmarsh Stadium between in-form Adelaide City and Wollongong. JANUSZ KAMMA photo.

More SA sponsorship

SA soccer has gained another slice of sponsorship pie. And clubs whose players behave best will take the biggest "bite".

Home Fresh Bakeries Pty Ltd is to sponsor a Fair Play Award.

Each month, the club which has the least amount of penalty

points accumulated by players receiving yellow or red cards will receive an award. Second and third placed sides will receive smaller awards.

Separate competitions will be staged for First and Second Divisions. Penalty points will apply to senior teams only.

At the end of the season, the overall winner and second-placed will receive an additional award and trophy. An adjustment will be made to cover Second Division sides playing fewer games.

The total sponsorship of the Home Fresh Bakeries Fair Play Award is for a five-figure sum and will be run for the next three years with an op-

tion for a further three years.

Managing director of the booming family business, Home Fresh, Mr Allan Cocks, is delighted to be involved.

"Our business has backed other sports and we approached the Soccer Federation with the idea of sponsorship," he said. "They came up with the idea of the Fair Play Award and we thought it over and decided to give it our backing. We are looking forward to our involvement and the reciprocal benefits from it."

The Fair Play Award is another boost to SA soccer. SA wine giant Seppelt already will sponsor Coach of the Month and Coach of the Year awards this season.

FOUNDATION COACHING CENTRES IN S. AUSTRALIA

AN announcement is expected soon on the establishment of a special Foundation Centres of Coaching programme in SA.

Senior coaches and players would be involved in the scheme which is part of a new initiative to develop young talent in the State.

SA already has its own programme of special junior development squads but is likely to fall in with a proposed uniform national set-up for such squads from under 11 to under 15 inclusive.

From a meeting of all State directors of coaching in Canberra comes a proposal that NSL players and senior State League players undergo coaching courses for Level II and III certificates.

The proposal indicated senior State men would have their course within SA while the NSL players would attend courses at the Australian Institute of Sports in Canberra but the SA Soccer Federation would run NSL courses here.

LETTER OF THE WEEK

Sasa Trajceviski-Uzunov and Alan Davidson's warning to the city of Melbourne on possibly losing the Olympic bid because of its contempt for the world's most popular sport should be heeded.

However, Melbourne is anti-soccer and it only lives for the parochial sport of Australian rules.

People say that sport should never be political but soccer has been treated as a political panacea by Melbourne.

Soccer is 'taboo' and has never been revealed in truth.

One has only to

come to Melbourne to see all the hype over getting the bid for the 1996 Olympics, yet the city's leading newspapers haven't the courage to tell its readers that the 1990 World Cup exists!

It is a subject that raises embarrassment, of course, but a subject which can simply no longer be ignored.

The Olympics will only go to a city whose inhabitants and institutions show no bias towards any type of sport.

The IOC knows this only too well.

Joe Armstrong,

Thomastown AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — FEBRUARY 28, 1990

Tassie Scene

BY WALTER PLESS

Hobart Juventus has appointed the former Inter Monaro supreme, Frank Maccarone, as its Cadbury State League coach for the 1990 season.

Maccarone is now resident in Tasmania where he is establishing a business just outside Hobart.

Juventus is keen to sign players from interstate and anyone interested should contact club president, Paul Scavone, on (002) 72 1569.

Ken Morton is the new coach of Olympic, the club he took to the Cadbury State League title in 1987.

Morton has spent the past two seasons with Devonport City, the progressive club on Tasmania's scenic north-west coast.

In recent pre-season

friendlies, Olympia lost 2-3 to Burnie United and defeated Howrah 1-0.

In other pre-season results, Croatia Glenorchy 3 Caldera 1, Hobart City 1 Hobart Juventus 1, Hobart Juventus 2 South Hobart 2, Howrah United 3 Croatia-Glenorchy 2.

All Tasmanian soccer followers are proud of the excellent form shown by Sunshine George Cross midfielder, David Clarkson.

Clarkson began his career in Tasmania with Rapid and Juventus before moving to Brisbane Lions, Adelaide City, and now Sunshine, where he has started to find the back of the net at last, as well as contributing to goals with fine, constructive mid-field play.

Serena aims for the top

BY GRAHAM COOKE

DANNY Serena, the terror of ACT League defences for a good chunk of the 1980s, is set to make a long overdue attempt to establish himself at a higher level.

The speedy Juventus front man is on the brink of signing for NSW League club Canberra Croatia and admits he is as nervous and excited as any 16-year-old at the prospect.

"It all seems to be coming together — I am keeping my fingers crossed," he said.

"There are a few details to be cleared up with Juventus, but Croatia's coach, Tom Sermanni, says he wants me and I scored the only goal of the game in a practice match against the Australian Institute of Sport, so that doesn't seem to have done me any harm.

The trouble is, it's all foreign territory to me. I hate to admit it, I've never even seen a NSW League game, but I've spoken to a few people whose opinion I value, like Walter Valeri (the former Inter Monaro boss who has just taken over at Juventus), and he thinks I can make the switch.

"I'm 27 in August, so it's now or never."

Serena was a member of Canberra City's National Youth League team at 15, but became a victim of budget cuts at the club in the early 1980s.

"The coach at the time, Doug Collins, said if he had had one more contract to offer it would have gone to me."

Serena said "As it was, I had to go."

The club which gained from that decision was ACT first division side Juventus, as Serena matured into a striker of formidable talent, combining pace, a powerful shot, and the ability to be in the right place at the right time.

Yet throughout this period soccer has never completely claimed him. Serena's baseball skills have made him a fixture in the ACT representative side and there has even been talk of international honours.

But, in an ironic parallel with soccer, the ACT's inability to secure a place in baseball's national league has stalled his career in that sport.

"I guess there have been times when I allowed baseball to take precedence, but if I get a spot with Croatia then soccer will be number one from then on. I'm still playing for Indians in the ACT Baseball League at the moment, but only as long as it does not conflict with Croatia's commitments," he said.

Sermanni believes Serena could be the answer to a Croatia strike force left thin by the departure of Gary Cole and Marko Perinovic.

"He's got good pace and position attitude to the game and I can see him as tremendous asset to us. I'm generally happy with the way things are shaping. We had 18 at training the other night and our preparations are well advanced," he said.

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BY GREG RUSSELL



DAVID HUNTER — still negotiating with Lions.

LIONS managed to ward off Acacia Ridge's approaches to goalkeeper Rob Farrow, although negotiations are still continuing with defender David Hunter. Lions have also strengthened their coaching staff with Easts' grand final-winning coach John Sime.

Sime, who was imported by Lions from Scotland, will be the club's reserves coach working with XXXX League mentor, Frank Liddell.

Brisbane City are looking to consolidate with new coach Juan Cutillas, who has been lured back to the club on a two-year contract. Cutillas is finding the purse string pulled very tight at Spencer Park under the club's new committee and is committed to developing a long overdue youth policy at City.

Pine Rivers, whose brave attacking style was rewarded with a finals place in their debut XXXX League season last year, are expected to again be a force.

Their young side will have matured from its first season in the top level, although it will be without last year's element of surprise.

Coach Bobby Hamilton is likely to ease himself out of the playing scene this year but Rivers have waves of talent coming through the lower ranks and look set to be in the top division for many years to come.

Easts, last season's surprise grand final winners, will start the season under new coach Phil Thompson, a former first team player who worked with the Tigers' Colts last season. Easts have retained the majority of their grand final team, although could lose Gold Coast-based Colin Phelan.

Taringa were the big finishers last season and only missed a place in the finals on goal difference. Their late surge almost certainly ensured re-employment for

coach Glenn Davis, who is confident his team will finally feature in the silverware this season.

Taringa clinched the signing of the season to date when they wooed former young Soccerroo Stephen Glockner to Speare Park.

Glockner, the 1988 Queensland Rothmans medallist, has spent the previous 12 months in Melbourne after Brisbane stints with City and Olympic.

Glockner's inclusion gives Taringa one of the biggest forward lines in the XXXX League. The towering striker will join fellow Taringa giants, David Mann and Shane Tollenare in a forward line which win everything in the air.

Former Soccerroo Alan Niven will be looking forward to his full season as Mount Gravatt player-coach and is confident the Hawks can regain some of their past glories. Niven spent several weeks prior to Christmas in the north of England and is understood to have secured a talented midfielder-striker for his team.

David Glenn was among the best of last season's overseas imports and is certain to show his best this year now he has settled into the Australian lifestyle.

Coalstars have gone through a rebuilding stage under player-coach Mark Brusasco and could emerge as one of the darkhorses in the 1990 XXXX League.

If Glockner was the jewel many Queensland clubs were chasing, Peter Volger was the rough diamond and Brusasco has done what many predicted he would fail in signing the state striker from arch rivals, Ipswich United.

Volger, who was decided to give soccer a full season this year rather than splitting his time with baseball, will bring goals to the Coalstars team which squandered countless opportunities last season.

Brusasco, who has recovered from knee problems and has lost weight for an all-out attempt to win his state shirt back this season,

has quietly strengthened Coalstars in several other areas to give his team an aggressive look.

Tough defender-midfielder Mark Gilbert is back from overseas while John Ogden will play on loan from Lions.

Ogden was courted by many clubs but opted for Coalstars to play a season with his brother Andy, last season's gold medal winner. The pair are among the league's fittest players and will ensure Coalstars don't lose games through lack of workrate this season.

Grange Thistle, after a handful of seasons in the doldrums, are attacking this year's XXXX League with a new level of commitment and professionalism. The club has turned to Queensland's most successful coach, Matt Carson, to help groom a side which will make Thistle once again a feared combination.

Carson is hoping last season's coach, club stalwart Steve Dolan, can make a comeback although the gifted midfielder suffers from chronic knee problems.

Olympic United also have turned to a club stalwart to see them through a difficult period. Con Tharenou, who coached the side through a competitive year three seasons ago, is back at the helm as a replacement for Cutillas. Olympic will base their side on many of the club's homegrown products but also have been busy scouring the lower divisions for players in recent weeks.

Newly-promoted Acacia Ridge have had an unsuccessful time in attempting to recruit during the off-season but coach Eric Thomson has no doubts his team will be competitive in its return to the top division after four years in division two.

Although the Ridge were basically just unlucky in their attempted signings, Thomson is still working on the importing of a talented Irish striker and an English midfielder which he believes will set the league alight.

The Ridge also have recruited a number of talented youngsters from Kingsridge and have several other irons in the fire.

"There are a few weeks left yet before the first fixture and when a few players see the style of football we play now at the Ridge, I am sure we will have players knocking on our door," Thomson said.

The first round of XXXX League fixtures are on March 17-18.

Queensland Indoor

THERE's been plenty of excitement at Queensland indoor soccer headquarters at Chandler lately with the Australian body accepting nomination by the Queensland Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Association to host, for the very first time, certain divisions of the national indoor titles to be contested over 14th, 15th and 16th April.

The Hauser Sports Complex, at Link Road, Victoria Point, is to be the venue for U/16, U/17, Youth, open ladies, and open men's divisions.

The event is expected to draw a lot of attention to indoor soccer in Queensland, and show that indoor soccer is really on the move and being controlled well in the state.

There will be a gala opening ceremony on Saturday, 14th April, starting at 9am with all state teams assembling to the tune of bag pipes, led by Ian Wilson of the Redlands.

Parliamentary dignitaries will be present to welcome the players and Australian Futsal Association officials to the Redlands, and the day's games will then begin.

Trials for all divisions of Queensland state teams took place at the Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler on February 17, with all team selections made by the state selectors that day.

Canberra Croatia land sponsorship

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia has landed one of the most important sponsorship coups in the history of ACT soccer with the announcement of a link-up with the Canberra Building Society.

The news, given by CBC's assistant general manager, Paul Kane, drew applause from more than 300 club supporters at a dinner at the Croatia Deakin Club.

No details were made public, but the package is believed to be worth close to a six-figure sum over a three-year period.

And Croatia officials were forecasting the link could be strengthened if promotion to the National Soccer League is won next September.

While the sponsorship is a welcome financial boost to the ambitious NSW League club,

of even greater significance is the fact it is in place at all.

It constitutes a major victory in Croatia's battle to sell itself as a club for all of Canberra, rather than one ethnic community.

The breakthrough was emphasised by Kane when he said the deal was a first for the society "in that our sponsorship is usually awarded to sporting associations rather than individual clubs". CBC now heads a healthy list of more than 30 smaller backers, including long-time supporter Trend Windows.

Potential Croatia first-teamers Ray Junna, Stan Dukic, Jason Dunn, Ned Zelic, Danny Serena, Joe Gagetti and Anthony Giannasca paraded the 1990 strip which features the CBS logo, while player coach Tom Sermanni predicted a further surge in the club's fortunes.

Perth Italia still keen on QNSL spot

BY RICHARD KREIDER



ROBBIE DUNN — expected back from Hong Kong in May.

PERTH Italia are definitely still pursuing entry into the QNSL, it was confirmed by Players Chairman Bill Buralli last week.

"The reason the preparations are currently dormant is because we are awaiting the outcome of Dr Graham Bradley's report," he said.

"Once we receive a positive answer from the ASF it will then be all systems go."

Italia have strengthened their attacking department

following last week's arrival of Mike Doyle, a 26-year-old striker who just recently scored over 20 goals in the Finnish Second Division.

The added bonus for the Perth club is that he will not be classified as a visa player because he has been granted permanent residency.

On the minus side, with Robbie Dunn in Hong Kong and Peter Murphy in Singapore, the club have now lost midfielder Lou Col-

lova for four weeks as he is getting married.

This further depletes the team which is currently defending the Pepsi night series trophy.

Murphy and Dunn are expected to return mid-May for the day season, and then there is a strong possibility that Dunn may play the 1991 season with newly promoted Kwinana United, the club he represented in his early years, as player-coach.

Rochedale set to raid

ROCHEDALE Rovers have continued their foray into the transfer market and are building a squad which could prove the surprise of the 1990 Queensland XXXX League competition.

Hot on the heels of securing former Lions, Preston and Heidelberg NSL midfielder John Stewart, the club also has signed former Queensland striker Brett Drury.

Drury has moved to Underwood Park after two indifferent seasons at Richlands which included him winning a pre-season scorer prize to missing weeks on end through injury.

Rochedale also have signed former Redlands United midfielder-striker Don Hawthorne, the Gold Coast Bulletin soccer writer, who played last season with Palm Beach United.

The signings, while bolstering Rochedale's chances of their first major trophy in top

grade, have also been forced on the club by the early retirements of several key players.

Solid defender Steve Donald and pacey forward-midfielder Craig Low surprised club officials by hanging up their boots in the off-season while talented midfielder Jimmy Kelly has left on an extended overseas holiday.

Club spokesman David Bearman believes the new signings will ensure Rochedale's depth over all four XXXX League grade (including reserves thirds and colts).

Lions are the reigning Queensland club champions and it would be ironic if Rochedale steal their title with a challenge spearheaded by Stewart and Drury, both former Richlands stars.

— GREG RUSSELL





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Neal Hunter has a date with destiny

ONE of many players to progress successfully through the Ku-ring-gai and District Soccer Association ranks to the senior game, North Shore United's Neal Hunter, is anticipating his most important year to date both in soccer and in life.

Hunter and his wife Ros, a stalwart from the Hornsby Heights area who has managed junior teams for many years, are expecting their first child in June, a World Cup baby if ever their was one!

Having previously played at both Under 18 and Under 21 level for the Ku-ring-gai club in State League 1 and 2, Hunter made a handful of appearances in 1st Grade in the early eighties under astute coach Vic Dalgleish.

The era of Denis Ford as coach co-incided with a short break from the club by Hunter, who spent two years with 3rd Division West United, before sampling District soccer with KDSA Premier League side As-

quith in 1988.

Last season, when present coach Allan Bourke had the task of gathering together a side capable of winning back a place in 1st Division following the demise of Ku-ring-gai in 1988, he turned again to Hunter and was not disappointed.

The former Mount Colah striker developed a new facet to his game, being called upon as a member of the midfield.

He still managed to knock in a high quota of goals and to establish a regular place in the 2nd Division team.

His uncanny ability to pop up in the right place to finish off attacking moves made him a highly valued member of the successful 1989 contingent.

Now 27, Hunter has a real chance to prove his ability in 1st Division and will be very busy with three nights training and a new commitment with the Ku-ring-gai representative Under 11 team.

Having assisted last year with the rep side, Hunter and his co-coach Keith Booth will have

the task of taking on a fresh bunch of players this year.

Hunter's aim is to be involved with the side as it matures to the oldest Youth League age group, before moving on to State League soccer.

The stage is set, therefore, for Hunter to go on and coach at that level once his playing days are over.

Meanwhile the demands of playing, training, coaching and attending to the needs of the newborn will mean that finding time to watch this year's exhaustive World Cup telecasts will be even harder than it will be for the rest of us.

Ironically, having recently moved from Eastwood to the rural delights of Cowan, just up the road from Parklands Oval, Hunter will now have even further to travel for home games, with North Shore United no longer playing in the area.

The representative side, however, will continue to be based at the Mount Colah ground.

— PAUL GOODWIN



Charlie Yankos coaching Coca-Cola camp youngsters in heading skills.

Coca-Cola Ultimate Camp was a ripper

ONE hundred young soccer players took part in the Coca-Cola Ultimate Soccer Camp at Parklea on Sunday, February 11.

A full day of coaching, videos, autographs and games were enjoyed by the players and coaches alike. Star coaches for the day were Dusan Purac, Charlie Yankos and John Doyle.

Charlie Yankos, the current Socceroo skipper made a guest appearance unexpected by the kids.

He was great and spent time with each group as they worked hard at the morning skill sessions inside the Parklea gym.

The pitches had been washed out by the massive February down-pour.

The sessions worked well and looked impressive with all players in their red Coca-Cola Camp T-Shirts.

Charlie nominated Oren Bermeister from St Ives as having outstanding potential and Oren won a Virgin Video on Diego Maradona.

A top prize for effort was awarded to Arthur Diles of Gladesville, who received a Virgin Video on the world's greatest players.

Bryce Jackwitz (Five Dock), David Purac (Manly Vale) and Marc Rosenstein (Gordon) were guys that showed outstanding heading ability when coached by ex-Liverpool player Ron Fowler.

The major disappointment of the Camp was the non-appearance of publicised stars George Best and John Kosmina.

With Saturday's Sydney NSL Games washed out 'Kossie' was sent down to Melbourne for the ABC's Big Match programme early on Sunday morning. John expressed his regret at missing the day and



CHARLIE YANKOS

letting the kids down.

Camp Director, Mark Blythe of Sportsforce, was still attempting to track down George Best for an explanation three days after the Camp.

The lesson from the Camp would appear to be stick to our quality Sydney-based coaches and players like John Doyle, Dusan Purac and Charlie Yankos and forget the unreliable overseas superstars.

Showing good ball skills in the juggling session were Mark Baruzzi (Branxton), Bill Kampas (Keiraville) and Benjamin Blake (Clovelly). Scott England (Forest) and Angus Kingsmill (Lindfield) had great fun coaching this session.

Further prize winners include Nicholas Purdue (Menai), Heath Kinder (Pymble), and Anthony Surace (Beacon Hill).

Scottish superstar striker Denis Law signed autographs and posed for all photographs during the lunch break and joined in some of the afternoon game situations with the young players.

Denis was impressed



BRADLEY REPORT

THE Bradley Report, commissioned by the Australian Soccer Federation to update its promotions, competitions and procedures, is due for submission by mid April.

Dr Bradley is yet to complete his interviews of the parties involved.

As soon as he has done so, he will be outlining the issues that have emerged with the Australian Soccer Federation.

It is understandable that the ASF will have its input before the report is completed.

At the same time it would be unbelievable if some of the factors that have been holding back the game were to be re-introduced at that stage at the behest of some state, executive or commissioner.

The ASF annual general meeting has been set down for March 31.

One interesting factor will be the extent of the financial progress made under the current administration.

The ASF under chairman Ian Brusasco set out to make its operations more businesslike, and has been aided by the \$300,000 pledged over time by Sir Arthur George, and particularly from the valuable QUIT sponsorship as well.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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Rockdale Youth Soccer Club secures sponsorship



John Souvleris, Westfields marketing manager at Hurstville, is seen here with the members of the Rockdale youth under 9 team, wearing the Westfields logo.

ONE of the brightest soccer clubs in the St George Association, Rockdale, has secured yet another major sponsor for the 1990 season.

The well-known shopping complex of Westfields is to continue with the Rockdale Youth Soccer Club after

a successful year last season.

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FRANCE v MEXICO	1-1
URUGUAY v FRANCE	2-1
ENGLAND v MEXICO	2-1
URUGUAY v MEXICO	0-0
ENGLAND v FRANCE	2-0

POINTS

ENGLAND	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
URUGUAY	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
MEXICO	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
FRANCE	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

GROUP 2

WEST GERMANY v SWITZERLAND	5-0
ARGENTINA v SPAIN	2-1
SPAIN v SWITZERLAND	2-1
ARGENTINA v WEST GERMANY	0-0
ARGENTINA v SWITZERLAND	2-0
WEST GERMANY v SPAIN	2-1

POINTS

WEST GERMANY	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
ARGENTINA	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
SPAIN	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
SWITZERLAND	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

GROUP 3

BRAZIL v BULGARIA	2-0
PORTUGAL v HUNGARY	3-1
HUNGARY v BRAZIL	3-1
PORTUGAL v BULGARIA	3-0
PORTUGAL v BRAZIL	3-1
HUNGARY v BULGARIA	3-1

POINTS

PORTUGAL	3	3	0	0	9	2	6
HUNGARY	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
BRAZIL	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
BULGARIA	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

GROUP 4

USSR v NORTH KOREA	3-0
ITALY v CHILE	2-0
CHILE v NORTH KOREA	1-1
USSR v ITALY	1-0
NORTH KOREA v ITALY	1-0
USSR v CHILE	2-1

POINTS

USSR	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
NORTH KOREA	3	1	1	1	2	4	3
ITALY	3	1	0	2	2	2	2
CHILE	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

QUARTER-FINALS

ENGLAND v ARGENTINA	1-0
WEST GERMANY v URUGUAY	4-0
PORTUGAL v NORTH KOREA	5-3
USSR v HUNGARY	2-1

SEMI-FINALS

WEST GERMANY v USSR	2-1
ENGLAND v PORTUGAL	2-1

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

PORTUGAL v USSR	2-1
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FINAL

ENGLAND v WEST GERMANY	4-2 (2-2 aet)
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ENGLAND: Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Stiles, J. Charlton, Moore, Ball, Hurst, Hunt, R. Charlton, Peters.

WEST GERMANY: Tilkowski, Hottges, Schulz, Weber, Schnellinger, Haller, Beckenbauer, Overath, Seeler, Held, Emmerich.

SCORERS: Hurst (3), Peters for England; Haller, Webber for West Germany.

REFEREE: Dienst (Switzerland).

LEADING SCORER: Eusebio (Portugal) 9.

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HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP (ENGLAND 1966)

ENGLAND staged the 1966 World Cup, and became the first hosts to win it since Italy in 1934.

The tournament left mixed feelings. On the credit side there were the record figures for gates and receipts, the success of, and support for, the little North Koreans, the prowess of Eusebio and a nail-biting final.

But as an overall spectacle it was poor. As in 1962, 89 goals were scored in 32 matches, but football had become even more negative and defensive, with most teams employing a sweeper behind the defence.

Group 1 of the finals was scheduled to be played in London, with England playing all three games at Wembley.

After Queen Elizabeth had opened the tournament, it started on July 11 with a 0-0 draw between England and an uninspired Uruguay.

Mexico, somewhat surprisingly, then took a point off a disappointing France. Two days later, Uruguay beat France 2-1.

The following day, England beat Mexico 2-0.

Uruguay then played for a draw against Mexico and secured it. France, however, had to attack England, but enjoyed no luck and were eliminated.

It was expected that Group 2 played at Sheffield (Hillsborough) and Birmingham (Villa Park), would produce West Germany and Argentina as qualifiers.

The Germans, well managed by Helmut Schoen, began in fine style by beating group chopping-block Switzerland 5-0 at Hillsborough, while Argentina took a cautious line against Spain at Villa Park but won 2-1.

The Swiss made wholesale changes against Spain at Sheffield, and led after half an hour but a late header by Francisco Gento won the match for the Spaniards.

The next day West Germany were involved in an untidy 0-0 draw with Argentina at Villa Park. Both teams played defensively, tackling grew fierce, and Albrecht, after a knee-high tackle on Webster, was sent off.

Three days later, Argentina, without a suspended Albrecht, made heavy work of beating Switzerland 2-0.

For their next game at Villa Park West Germany rested Haller and had Emmerich in for the injured Brülls, while



GEOFF HURST — scored a hat-trick in England's 1966 World Cup final win over West Germany at Wembley.

Spain dropped their three Italian exiles — Del Sol, Peiro, and Suarez. Spain had to win but Uwe Seeler, playing in his third World Cup, scored the winning goal six minutes from fulltime.

Though Brazil were in the strongest group, they were still favoured.

Against Bulgaria at Goodison Park Pelé scored from a free-kick after 14 minutes (the first goal of the competition) but for most of the match he was policed by Jetchev and took some rough treatment. A jaded Garrincha made it 2-0.

Hungary, after losing 3-1 to Portugal, produced stirring stuff for their second game and Brazil, with Pelé, suffered their first World Cup defeat since 1954, when their conquerors had been the very same country.

A desperate Brazil brought in nine new players and had an unfit Pelé in the line-up for the match with Portugal at Goodison.

But with Manga 'un-safe in goal, Portugal took a 2-0 lead through Simoes and Eusebio. Vicente and Moraes felled Pelé at every opportunity; eventually he had to limp off, and with him went Brazil's final hopes.

Hungary qualified with a 3-1 win over Bulgaria at Old Trafford.

In Group 4 in the North-East, the tiny North Koreans, who had eliminated Australia, illustrated their boundless enthusiasm and stamina against the USSR at Middles-

football, but in the 78th minute Hurst scored with a well-timed header from Peters' cross to decide it.

There was drama, too, between West Germany and Uruguay at Hillsborough, where two South Americans were sent off and the Germans strolled into the last four.

Sensations of a different kind were happening at Goodison, where the North Koreans were running rings round Portugal and led 3-0 after only 24 minutes. But instead of closing up, they continued to attack, and Eusebio took full advantage.

He scored four goals to lead Portugal into the semi-finals with a stirring 5-3 win.

The Soviets were unlucky in the semi-final against West Germany at Goodison, where Chislenko was sent off just before half-time and nine fit men lost 2-1.

In the other semi-final, England met Portugal at Wembley.

Portugal played old-style attacking football, and Bobby Charlton, in his element, distributed with rare subtlety in one of his best-ever internationals, scoring both England goals.

For the final — a dramatic, undulating affair — England and West Germany both fielded unchanged sides, in spite of speculation about the return of a fit Jimmy Greaves to England's forward line.

Germany marked man for man, detailing Franz Beckenbauer to shadow Charlton — a move that wasted the German's talent in midfield.

After 13 minutes, Ray Wilson miscued a header to the feet of Helmut Haller, who made no mistake.

A few minutes later captain Bobby Moore took a quick free-kick on the left and West Ham club-mate Geoff Hurst headed past a stationary German defence to equalise.

Alan Ball was tireless in midfield, Moore immaculate at the back, while Gordon Banks made fine saves from Overath and Emmerich.

In the second half, Germany appeared to tire and England, raised by the crowd, began to dominate. In the 78th minute Hurst's shot was half-cleared by Hottges, and Martin Peters

scored from close in.

The match seemed won but West Germany counter-attacked and won several free-kicks.

In injury-time, Emmerich took one eight metres outside the box, it ricocheted off the defensive wall, Held helped it on and Weber poked the ball past Banks. It was extra-time.

After 10 minutes Ball pulled the ball back to Hurst, whose shot hit the underside of the bar, and then bounced out for Weber to clear.

Referee Dienst consulted linesman Bakhranov (who was no better placed to give an opinion), he nodded, and Dienst pointed to the middle.

It is unfortunate that the match was decided by what must always be, despite all available evidence, a hotly disputed goal.

Hurst's fine goal in the dying seconds, to complete the first hat-trick in a World Cup final, was almost irrelevant.

CHILEAN CHANGES

CHILEAN football will undergo sweeping new changes next season in an attempt to make the game more entertaining.

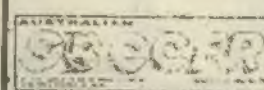
FIFA has agreed to an experiment to run from March.

Major changes are: off-side abolished, throw-ins replaced by kick-ins, defensive walls banned for free-kicks 25 metres from goal and corners awarded where the ball goes out of touch so long as it is outside the penalty box.

No points will be awarded for goalless draws and clubs who win by at least three goals will get three instead of two points.

The changes could be an attempt by Chile to restore its image after being barred from the 1994 World Cup for cheating.

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From sausage maker to football millionaire

BY GEORGE VAN ZANDEN

NINE years ago Chris Waddle was making sausages all day long in the grey North East end of London.

Now Waddle is one of the best players in France, has a chauffeur-driven car, a beautiful home and never has to worry about money for the rest of his life.

Last year, the Tottenham winger signed a four-year contract with Marseille and the owner of the club, Bernard Tapie, had to part with more than \$9 million for his transfer.

Only AC Milan, Napoli and Barcelona had to pay more for Ruud Gullit, Diego Maradona and Ronald Koeman.

As a 20-year-old Chris played for amateur club Tow Law Town, he lived in a small council flat with his wife Lorna and it was Lorna who really had to bring home the bacon.

She worked in a banknote printing factory and encouraged Chris to try and improve his skills in football.

Coventry City took him on a free transfer, but Chris was not happy there and soon returned to his old club.



Five years ago Newcastle offered the club \$1000 and Chris and Lorna moved up north, not expecting

anything great, but at last Chris now could make a living playing soccer.

They now could afford to buy good food and also enjoyed better living conditions.

Chris made the first team and Newcastle United sold him for \$1.5 million to Tottenham where he was to become White Hart's Lane best attacking player.

Tapie first offered Tottenham \$7 million for Waddle but this was not accepted.

Tottenham had bought Gary Lineker for \$3 million and badly needed cash.

Then followed nail-biting negotiations with the French club until the big offer came and Chris and Lorna could start learning French.

Chris and Lorna are very well liked in Marseille and they now belong to the "jetset" of the French Mediterranean.

The lifestyle has not spoiled them.

They have not changed and are just an ordinary family with a lovely two-year-old daughter.

Chris can afford to feed them. He brings home \$20,000 a week and that's about a million a year.

Lorna said he always believed he could do it.

"He only needed encouragement," she says.

I read this story in a Rotterdam daily newspaper, and I was moved, by the dedication and faith of two young people who, I think, deserve everything they got.

They both worked hard for it, which goes to show what you can do if you try hard.

Good luck to them!

Vialli gets the boot!



GIANLUCA VIALLI (left): may need a wonder boot to achieve World Cup glory.

ITALY's World Cup star Gianluca Vialli, recovering from a broken foot, may need a special boot support to continue playing soccer.

Vialli, the striker Italy are banking on to score goals at the finals, said specialists in Barcelona had diagnosed a congenital problem that made his right foot susceptible to fracture.

Italian newspapers said a support was being designed for his boots and quoted the doctor of his league club Sampdoria as saying there

was no need for pessimism.

"I have a mechanical problem with the bottom of my foot," Vialli said.

"I was suffering for nearly a year. I was running wrongly and that's why the foot fractured. There are no specific cures for my case. Only a support can help me and that worries me."

Vialli broke his right foot in late December and is expected to be out of action until the end of this month.

REFEREE BRIBED

CLAIMS by a Swiss referee that top European clubs tried to bribe him with sex and free shopping trips are to be investigated by UEFA.

Georges Sandoz, a retired FIFA referee, made the claims in a newspaper interview.

"I have never been offered money, but free shopping in the west . . ." the Swiss newspaper Sport quoted Sandoz, 44, as saying.

"In Bulgaria, women provided by the hosts joined us before the main meal. Their function was not hard to deduce," he said.

In Greece and Spain, Sandoz said he had met home club officials he found suspiciously over-generous before a match.

KOREAN BONUS

SOUTH KOREA may be one of the World Cup finals' poor relations in terms of tradition, but their players are not complaining.

Every member of the 20-man squad which qualified for Italy has been paid a bonus of \$150,000 each.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

- Former West German great Uli Stielike may take over as coach of ailing Bundesliga Borussia Moenchengladbach. Stielike has been coaching the Swiss national team for the past six months.
- Spain's Sporting Gijon intends to issue a strong challenge for the title next season. They are hoping to boost their team with Dutchmen Meijer and Eijkelkamp and Austrian goal ace Gerhardt Rodax.
- A 14-year-old midfielder by the name of Ivanir da Silva Medeiros, alias Pintinho, is all the rage in Brazil. His club, Flamengo, is already hailing the youngster as the "new Zico". Pintinho has scored 35 goals for Flamengo's under 15 side this season.
- Victor Paneira, who is now in jail, has been elected Portugal's Player of 1989 by the magazine FOOT.



AS Roma midfielder Giuseppe Giannini in action against Ascoli's Sabato.

Platini blamed for Boniperti demise

THE surprise resignation of Juventus president Giampiero Boniperti was being blamed by the Italian media on the heavy criticism of him by French team coach Michel Platini.

Boniperti, under whose guidance Juventus won major honours throughout the 1970s and 1980s, resigned the day after Platini attacked him in a Turin newspaper for wasting the club's money on signing ineffective players.

Juventus, owned by Gianni Agnelli, won nine Italian championships, the UEFA Cup, the Cup Winners' Cup, the European Champions' Cup and the Intercontinental Cup under Boniperti. But

they have not taken the championship since 1986.

Platini, a former Juventus star striker, said in a front-page interview in the Turin newspaper LA STAMPA, also owned by the Agnelli family, that Boniperti had wasted more than \$39 million of Agnelli money in recent years by signing the wrong players.

Italy's other leading newspapers were quick to blame Boniperti's resignation on Platini.

"Platini fires Boniperti," said the Rome newspaper IL TEMPO.

Luca Di Montezemolo, president of the 1990 World Cup organising committee, who is related to the Agnellis, is tipped to replace Boniperti.



Michel Platini (left) and his former Juventus team-mate Paolo Rossi.

GILLETTE's "Be there in Rome for Final" Competition

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

GILLETTE INTERNATIONAL, one of FIFA's chief World Cup sponsors over the last 20 years, will be again represented in Rome later this year.

In most of Gillette's international markets, the World Cup has become an integral part of many of their marketing plans.

Through this involvement Gillette has earned a very close and highly valued identification with Soccer and its ultimate event, the World Cup.

For **ITALIA '90**, which kicks off in Italy on June 8 next, Gillette will be deeply involved with huge advertisements placed in all 12 stadiums.

The company is now pleased to offer all their Australian customers the fabulous opportunity of being there in Rome, with tickets to the semi-final and final and to enjoy the "Hospitality Event," detailed at end of article, during the finals week.

There are two double tickets to be won, one winner being chosen from a Soccer Club associated member, and

the other winner from the general consumer entries.

What a fantastic opportunity to win a

free trip to go and see the mega-stars of world soccer.

Maradona, Marco Van Basten, Gary

Lineker, Franco Baresi, Peter Shilton, Rene Higuita, Careca, Gianluca Vialli and John Barnes are just a sprink-

ling of super-stars who will be on display.

Bookmakers favour Italy, Brazil, West Germany, Holland

(even if Ruud Gullit cannot appear in the series), and the Soviet Union to reach the semi-finals.

But irrespective of the teams in the semi-finals, fans will be guaranteed top-class football.

And now Gillette brings you a once in a life time opportunity to

BE THERE.

Entry forms are available where Gillette products are sold, or via Soccer clubs throughout Australia.

Also, look out for the Gillette "World Cup Special" series to be screened on the Channel 10 network between February and June.

ROME EVENT

"Hospitality Event"

Mon 2nd July.

Arrive in Rome to a special 'Welcome Fantasia Italiana' in the evening at The Sheraton Roma.

Tues 3rd July.

Option 1. Tour to Pompeii, lunch, semi-finals in Naples.
Option 2. Day in.

Wed 4th July.

In the morning sightseeing tour of Rome and later in the afternoon departure to Tivoli and Villa Adriana, followed by a sumptuous dinner.

Thurs 5th July.

Option 1, a full day tour of Florence with lunch at leisure and dinner at Orvieto. Option 2 is to take a shuttle bus to the centre of Rome. Dinner at the Quattro Fiumi and Trescatini Restaurants in Piazza Navona.

Fri 6th July.

Free Day to take shuttle bus to centre of Rome. Gala dinner at Castello Di Bracciano.

Sat 7th July.

Option 1 is a tour of Sistine Chapel and Catacombs. Option 2 involves taking a shuttle bus to centre of Rome. Roman banquet at The Sheraton in the evening.

Sun 8th July.

Free morning. Mass at St Peter's. Late lunch barbeque at The Sheraton. Go and watch the World Cup Final at the magnificent Olympic Stadium Rome.

Mon 9th July.

Prepare for your departure from Italy for your flight back to Australia.



Diego Maradona holds aloft the 1986 World Cup in Mexico. Gillette will see to it that some lucky Australians will be in Rome for the 1990 final in July.

ENTER NOW

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The Best a Man Can Get

BE THERE IN ROME... FOR THE FINAL!!

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ITALIA '90

WORLD CUP SOCCER

Watch the Gillette 'World Cup Special' Series between February and June.

MAJOR PRIZE

Holiday for two including luxury accommodation to the 'Gillette Rome Event' to be won by a Soccer Club/Association member!!
PLUS the winner's Soccer Club will receive a \$3,000 donation

MONDAY, 2ND JULY

Arrival
Welcome Fantasia Italiana evening at The Sheraton Roma

TUESDAY, 3RD JULY

Option 1 Tour to Pompeii, lunch, semi-finals in Naples

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JULY

Morning sightseeing tour of Rome
Late afternoon departure to Tivoli and Villa Adriana, followed by dinner

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY

Option 1 Full day tour to Florence with lunch at leisure and dinner at Orvieto

Option 2 Shuttle buses to centre of Rome
Dinner at Quattro Fiumi and Trescatini restaurants in Piazza Navona

FRIDAY, 6TH JULY

Free day
Shuttle buses to centre of Rome
Gala dinner at Castello Di Bracciano

SATURDAY, 7TH JULY

Option 1 Tour of Sistine Chapel and Catacombs
Option 2 Shuttle Buses to centre of Rome
Roman banquet at The Sheraton

SUNDAY, 8TH JULY

Free morning
Mass at St. Peter's
Late lunch barbeque at The Sheraton
The final - Olympic Stadium, Rome

MONDAY, 9TH JULY

Departure

PLUS 100 Other prizes of Size 5 Kookaburra Cosmos Deluxe Soccer Balls.
See over for details. **COMPETITION CLOSING 13TH APRIL 1990**

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. There is no limit to the number of entries. However, each entry must be on an official entry form and contain the correct Gillette pack.
2. Any entry that does not comply with these conditions of entry shall not be a valid entry. Information on how to enter and prizes forms part of these conditions of entry.
3. All entrants must be residents of Australia and a member or supporter of a soccer club/association in Australia. To be eligible, each entrant must nominate the name and address of their soccer club/association. Employees and their immediate families of Gillette (Aust) Pty Limited, their associated companies, advertising and sales promotions agencies are not eligible to enter or to receive any prizes.
4. Prize draw will take place in Sydney on Monday 16th April, 1990. The entrant named in the first valid entry drawn will win a 10 day holiday for 2 to Italy. Prize consists of economy airfares for 2 from the state capital nearest the winner to Italy and return, meals, 7 nights luxury accommodation, airport transfers in Italy, organised

sight-seeing events, double tickets to the soccer semi-final in Naples and the final in Rome, and tips in Italy. Personal expenses such as passports, visas, insurance, health requirements, spending money and all other ancillary costs are the responsibility of the winner. Travel prize valued at approximately \$14,332. Entrants named in the next 100 valid entries drawn will each win a Size 5 Kookaburra Cosmos Deluxe Soccer Ball. RRP \$29.95 each.
5. The winning entrant's soccer club will receive a cheque for \$3,000. In the event that the club is located in Queensland, the prize will be awarded as gold bullion to the nearest value in the absolute discretion of the promoter.
6. Travel prize must be taken between July 1st, 1990 and July 10th, 1990.
7. All winners will be notified by mail and the first prize winner's name will be published in the Public Notices column of The Australian on Friday 27th April, 1990.
8. Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable and cannot be taken as cash.
9. The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. No responsibility for lost or misdirected mail will be accepted by the promoter, Gillette (Aust) Pty Limited, of 504-520 Princes Highway, Noble Park, Victoria, 3174.
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Raffles and Bingo Permits Board No 89/2398 issued on 30/11/89
ACT Permit No TP89/1393 issued under the Lotteries Ordinance Act, 1964. NT 0537/89

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Simply fill out your name and address below and attach a bar code from any Gillette Blade, Razor or Disposable shaver pack to the entry form and send to:

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Soccer Clubs Competition
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Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Name of Soccer Club/Association _____

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